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Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, April 24, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

Army holds public meeting

The U.S. Army will hold a public information meeting to provide citizens with a status update for the accelerated mustard agent disposal project at the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility on April 18, 6:30 p.m. at the Chestertown Middle School, 402 East Campus Avenue, Chestertown.

For more information, contact the Edgewood Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office at 410-676-6800.

APG honors top servicemembers

The 2002 APG Servicemembers of the Year Recognition Luncheon will honor Army, Marine and Air Force NCOs of the Year; Instructor, Marine and Soldier of the Year; Army Drill Sergeant of the Year; and Air Force Instructor of the Year at 11:30 a.m. April 18 at the Four Points Sheraton, 908 Hospitality Way, Aberdeen. Admission is \$14. For tickets, contact 1st Sgt. Ward or Renee Johnson, 410-278-3000 by April 16.

2002 Militaria Swap Meet to be held in Churchville

The East Coast Military Vehicle Rally, featuring the military flea market and swap meet, will be held in conjunction with Ordnance Week, May 9 to 11 in Churchville, on Route 22, three miles from Aberdeen and Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Take exit 85 west (Route 22) from Interstate 95. Look for the Big M Drive-In Theater. The rally runs from dawn to dusk. Visit the rally Web site, aberdienrally@aol.com, for a schedule of events and more information.

APG celebrates Law Day, May 1

The 2002 Law Day observance opens with a memorialization ceremony honoring the memory of retired Lt. Col. Jackie L. Rice on May 1 at 8:30 a.m. at the APG Courthouse, building 2043. The APG deputy staff judge advocate

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Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

From left, Army Community Service employees, Reeshema Bugg and Laura Reich, award Karinna Johnston, 6, a certificate and prizes for winning the Month of the Military Child art contest during the Army Community Service Open House on April 4.

Yvonne Johnson

APG News

In its first venture to invite the community in for an informative gathering, Army Community Service personnel went all out April 4 to ensure attendees to the first annual open house enjoyed themselves while learning about services and programs available to servicemembers, civilian employees and retirees.

Celestine Beckett, ACS program manager, led the festivities which included ceremonies commemorating child abuse awareness and awards to the winners of the youth art and essay contest. Beckett said organizers were pleased with the outcome, which was a first for the APG center.

"We felt there was a need to educate the community about the services we offer, and everyone pulled together to make it happen," Beckett said, noting the assistance of elements of the Directorate of Information Management, the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, or DLES, and the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' 16th Ordnance Battalion.

"We are very pleased with the outcome," she said.

More than 200 visitors attended the open house, which was broken down into three groups; the morning session was for military leaders, the mid-day session was for community leaders and the afternoon session was for servicemembers and their families.

Soldiers from Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion greeted visitors and handed out brochures at the entrance and visitors helped themselves to refreshments as they toured the facility.

Brig. Gen. Dean R. Ertwine, commander of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command and Maj. Curtis Schmucker, U.S. Air Force Detachment, were among the first visitors.

"This is a great way to get re-acquainted with old programs and learn about the new programs," Schmucker said, noting the similarity with Air Force programs that go by different names.

"It's good to come see their faces and to let them see me," he added.

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Child Abuse Prevention Month

Celestine Beckett

ACS

Since 1983, National Child Abuse Prevention Month has been observed every April. The goal of this month-long observance is to increase awareness of child abuse and its prevention.

Child Abuse Prevention Month allows individuals, schools, businesses, hospitals, religious organizations and social service agencies across the country to join forces in the battle against child abuse.

Reports estimate that nearly a million children are abused and neglected each year, and further, that three children die each day due to abuse. Maltreatment continues to be a major threat to the well being of the nation's children; but many communities are becoming more involved in activities and events that promote the message that child abuse can and must be prevented.

Child Abuse Prevention Month offers opportunities for those who are concerned to become involved in preventing child abuse right in their own community. The National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse offers the following suggestions:

Help parents in your community:

- If you know a parent under stress, offer him

or her a break. Take care of the children for a while or organize a playgroup so the parent can relax.

- Establish a parent support group in your area. Plan a regular time when mothers and fathers can get together to talk about and find solutions to parenting challenges.

- Organize a neighborhood event for families; go to the park, zoo, or a ball game.

Respond when you see abuse in public:

- Strike up a conversation with the adult to direct attention away from the child. Say something like, "She seems to be trying your patience" or "My child has gotten upset like that too."

- Divert the child's attention (if misbehaving) by talking to the child.

- Praise the child and parent at first opportunity.

Examine your own parenting practices:

- Praise your child in some way everyday. Kind words will make him/her feel special and will help make him/her into a better adult.

- When pressure builds up, don't lash out at your child in anger. Take hold of yourself before you take hold of a child. Stop and take a deep breath, and then another. Remember, you are the adult. Or, close your eyes and pretend

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Outstanding NAF employees recognized

Yvonne Johnson

APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Nonappropriated Fund, or NAF, recognized its outstanding employees of the year during an April 2 ceremony at Top of the Bay.

This year's NAF Employee of the year winners were Margie Giles, administrative; Carissa Bare, trades and crafts; Martha Kite, para-professional; and Angie Ferrell, supervisory.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG garrison and deputy installation commander gave the remarks at the ceremony hosted by Jean Fuddy, NAF human resources officer.

Mark said that NAF employees are among the least understood of all civilian employees.

"Most people probably don't know that you folks, simply by doing your jobs so well, save thousands upon thousands of dollars," Mark said. "Today, we're honoring those among you who, by your actions every day, improve the quality of life at APG. Thanks to all NAF employees for a job well done."

Fuddy said a panel of judges reviewed the nominations and

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APG, HEAT Center, colleges, universities promote professional development

Mike Cast

DTC

Aberdeen Proving Ground employees, soldiers and family members can explore a wide range of educational opportunities in science, technology, engineering and business administration at the APG Professional Development Forum on April 23.

APG's Science and Technology Board, or S&T, has joined forces with Harford County's Higher Education and Applied Technology, or HEAT, Center and the Army Education Center to sponsor the event, which will begin at 10 a.m. at Top of the Bay and include breakout sessions with representatives from 13 colleges and universities at 10:45 a.m. The forum will be repeated beginning at 1 p.m. at Edgewood's Gunpowder Club, and the breakout sessions there begin at 2:45 p.m.

College and university representatives will be on hand to discuss degree programs; courses offered at APG, the HEAT Center or at nearby schools; and a variety of other educational programs avail-

able to the APG community. The focus will be on science, technology, engineering and business administration programs, as well as others that lead to enhanced career opportunities. The forum also will include door prizes and refreshments.

APG's S&T Board is keenly interested in promoting professional development programs and higher education opportunities in Harford County, said Brian Simmons, the S&T Board chairman. APG organizations will require the skills and expertise of an increasingly educated workforce, he added.

As an example he cited the Aberdeen Test Center, or ATC, one of the numerous organizations on post that is bringing interns and new employees into its ranks. Simmons noted that ATC has brought more than 20 interns aboard recently.

"These employees and others like them across APG, as well as young people in nearby communities, will need technology-oriented educational opportunities here if

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DTC focuses on supporting Army Transformation

Mike Cast

DTC

As the Army begins testing the first of the 'Stryker' interim armored vehicles to roll off the assembly line, the Army Test and Evaluation Command, or ATEC, cut the ribbon on its new Army Transformation Technical Test Office at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The mission of this office, which opened with a ceremony on March 27, is to assist the Army in fielding the Stryker and ultimately the Future Combat Systems.

Maj. Gen. John Marcello, ATEC commander, told attendees at the opening ceremony that this test support office and its sponsor, the U.S. Army Developmental Test Com-

mand, will play a key role in helping the Army field new systems that meet performance requirements.

"There are those who think the tester is a hindrance and a naysayer," Marcello said. "This office is a demonstration of the fact that this is not the case. It is a tangible contribution to the Army Transformation, and we are committed to making sure that systems work."

Many of the new weapon systems the Army is trying to field have failed to make the grade when it comes time for operational tests using soldiers, Marcello said, emphasizing the importance of testing that finds problems early

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Photo courtesy of General Dynamics Land Systems Division The infantry carrier vehicle is a variant of the Army's new Stryker interim armored vehicle.

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from 1993 to 1995, Rice is credited with overseeing the design and renovations of the courthouse during his tenure.

A \$12 buffet luncheon at Top of the Bay at 11:30 a.m. follows with U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland Thomas M. DiBiagio addressing this year's law day theme, 'Celebrate your freedom, assuring equal justice for all.'

The program will be followed by an afternoon of golf at Ruggles. The fee for nine holes is \$13; an optional cart is available for \$12.

For reservations, contact the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 410-278-1107. Due to heightened security, no reservations will be accepted after April 25.

AER update

As of April 12, the following units turned in Army Emergency Relief donations totaling \$5,128: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade, Company C 143rd Ordnance Battalion and the U.S. Army Garrison.

To date, \$14,220 has been donated to AER during the Aberdeen Proving Ground annual campaign.

For information about donating, contact Marge Fissel, AER officer at 410-278-2508 or Maj. Hugh Shoults at 410-278-3000.

APG Professional Development Forum presents higher education

The APG Science and Technology Board will present The APG Professional Development Forum at two locations on April 23: Top of the Bay at 10 a.m. and the Gunpowder Club at 2 p.m.

Following a brief presentation on academic programs and partners at the HEAT Center, representatives from 13 colleges and universities will help participants explore options for higher education in Harford County. There will be door prizes and refreshments.

For more information, call Steve Clark 410-278-1267 or e-mail clarks@dtc.army.mil.

Read Military Families Art/Essay contest entries

The YMCA of Central Maryland, Harford County Family Branch was invited by the Army Community Services of Aberdeen Proving Ground to co-sponsor a Military Families Art/Essay contest. The contest was open to all students of military families in Harford County from pre-kindergarten through the 12th grade. The theme was, "What Makes My Family Special."

To view the art and essay entries, visit the Harford Mall food court in April.

Consolidated Service Desk training classes available

The Directorate of Information Management, or DOIM, developed a Consolidated Service Desk, or CSD, for use by all organizations at Aberdeen Proving Ground. The CSD changes the way of doing business at APG, moving away from paper-based systems to Web-based systems. The CSD can be accessed from a link on the public APG Web site, <http://www.apg.army.mil>.

The DOIM is offering training that will focus on the major business process changes and will detail the major features of CSD. Information technology personnel, trainers, or anyone who wants to learn how to use CSD may attend.

In the Aberdeen Area, training will be at the Post Theater May 21, 9 to 11 a.m.; May 22, 1 to 3 p.m.; and May 23, 9 to 11 a.m.

In the Edgewood Area, training will be at Conference Center Auditorium, building E-4810 June 3, 1 to 3 p.m.; June 4, 9 to 11 a.m.; and June 5, 1 to 3 p.m.

Questions concerning the CSD training should be directed to David Ruff, 410-306-1325 or e-mail david.ruff@usag.apg.army.mil.

Days of Remembrance

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory will sponsor the Aberdeen Proving Ground Days of Remembrance Commemorative Program on Wednesday, May 1, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Post Theater. The theme is "Memories of Courage." Guest speaker will be Leo Bretholz, a Holocaust survivor and author.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Shelton Torbert, equal opportunity advisor, 410-278-1534.

FEW/FWP trip to Seneca Falls, N.Y.

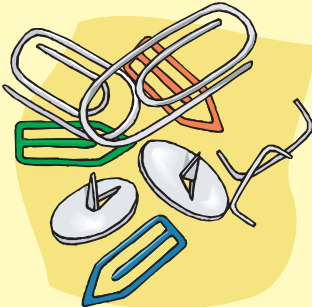
The Maryland Tri-County Chapter Federally Employed Women, or FEW, is sponsoring a weekend trip to the National

Women's Hall of Fame and the Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, N.Y., June 21 to 23. Cost of the trip is \$155 for FEW/Federal Women's Program members; \$175 for non-members; and \$45 children (lodging with two paying adults). Price includes round trip motor coach transportation from Aberdeen to Seneca Falls; two nights lodging at the Holiday Inn for double occupancy (an additional cost of \$100 for single occupancy); and entrance to the National Women's Hall of Fame, Women's Rights National Park, Elizabeth Cady Stanton Home, door prizes, brochures, social activities, etc.

The bus will depart Aberdeen at 6 a.m. on Friday, June 21 and arrive at 3 p.m. at Auburn, N.Y. Departure time will be 7 a.m. from Auburn, June 23, and arrive back at Aberdeen at 4 p.m.

For reservations or more information, call Eva Mims, 410-272-4737, or Suzanne Schultz, 410-939-2098. Seating is limited - make your reservations early.

Pollution Prevention



To reduce solid waste, reuse file folders, binder clips, rubber bands, three ring binders, etc.

APG Pollution Prevention Program

NCMA Seminar

The Upper Chesapeake Chapter of the National Contract Management Association will hold the 2002 National Education Seminar May 8, 8 a.m., at Top of the Bay, the Gunpowder Room. Registration begins at 8 a.m.; the seminar will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost of the seminar is \$165 for NCMA members, \$185 for non-members. Cost for NCMA membership renewal with registration is \$270. Fee includes textbook, morning continental breakfast and afternoon snacks. Speakers include Melissa D. Rider, CPCM, CACM, procurement analyst, Office of the Director, Defense Procurement e-Business; and retired Maj. Victor M. Ramos, CPCM, CACM, contract manager, Raytheon Company.

To register, call Joan Hauser, 410-436-3577, e-mail joan.hauser@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, or send a fax to 410-436-6799. Registration closes May 3.

Test, evaluation symposium June 11

Army test and evaluation days 2002 will be held June 11 to 13, Von Braun Center, Huntsville, Ala.

This year's theme is "Responding to asymmetrical warfare: the new reality for Army test and evaluation."

Registration, general information, preliminary agenda, exhibitor information, hotel accommodations and points of contact can be viewed at the T&E Days Web site, www.testeval-days.com.

For more information, contact Michael McFalls, 256-876-3462 or Sherry Hilley, 256-842-6715.

Weight Watchers at Work continues

Lunchtime Weight Watchers meetings are continuing on post, and new participants are welcome. The program offers professional leadership, group support and a sound and safe weight control plan. To learn more about the Weight Watchers at Work Program at Aberdeen Proving Ground, call 410-278-1151.

Roye-Williams Elementary School pre-kindergarten/kindergarten registration

Roye-Williams Elementary School will hold its annual prekindergarten/kindergarten registration for the 2002 to 2003 school year Friday, May 3, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kindergarten registration packets may be picked up at the school for completion and return on registration day for children who will be five years of age as of Dec. 31, 2002.

Prekindergarten registration may be picked up from 9 a.m. on May 3 for children who will be four years of age as of Nov. 30, 2002.

When application forms are received, they will be checked for completeness and stamped with the date/time they were received. Parents who register their child for prekindergarten prior to June 5 will be notified prior to June 30 of their child's acceptance/non-acceptance into the program.

Parents are requested to bring their child's birth certificate or verification of birth, Social Security card and all immunization

records. The school also requires proof of residency, which can be in the form of a copy of a property tax bill, rental lease, or utility bills, which contain your name and address.

Information on waivers or exemptions may be acquired by contacting the Roye-Williams Elementary School office at 410-273-5536.

Volunteers recognized May 22

The annual Aberdeen Proving Ground Volunteer Ceremony and Reception will be held May 22, 7 p.m., at Top of the Bay, building 30. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Refreshments and door prizes will be awarded following the ceremony.

Use both lanes

Drivers are urged to use both lanes as they approach the gates to APG's Aberdeen Area. At the barricades, motorists should alternate the right of way - allowing every other car to move into the primary entrance lane, like a zipper. This more efficient movement of traffic will speed up the process.

The provost marshal warns drivers who pull out in front of other vehicles, block traffic lanes or exhibit other aggressive tendencies, that they are driving on a federal installation and are subject to citations through the federal court system.

It's 'Showtime at APG'

The Family Advocacy Program and the Exceptional Family Member Program of Army Community Service will host "Showtime at APG," a talent show of children 18 and under, Monday, April 22, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information call Reeshemah Bugg, exceptional family member program manager at 410-278-2420, or Laura Reich, family advocacy prevention specialist at 410-278-7478.

2002 purchase request submissions schedule

Early customer support in identifying and submitting purchase requests will assist the Robert Morris Acquisition Center's, or RMAC's, ability to meet customer needs. Early planning and coordination remain the keys to a successful year-end.

The following schedule should be used for the submission of purchase requests for fiscal year 2002 and maintenance for fiscal year 2003.

Noncommercial Items over \$100,000 by May 15. There may be instances where this date may not be adequate for complex actions. It is required that these actions be coordinated with the branch chief prior to this date.

Noncommercial Items between \$2,500 and \$100,000 by June 15.

Commercial items between \$100,000 and \$5 million by June 15.

Short-of-Award over \$2,500 by June 15.

Commercial Items under \$100,000 by Aug. 15.

Maintenance for fiscal year 2003 by June 15.

PD2, the Department of Defense contracting automated system, is used at both the Aberdeen and Edgewood sites. Although the RMAC purchase request submission schedule has been increased to permit additional time to process actions through this system, year-end requirements should be submitted as early as is reasonable to minimize the possibility of funds going unobligated at year end.

Submission of requests after the scheduled dates will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Refer questions to Joyce Roberts, APG Branch, joyce.roberts@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, 410-278-0869; or Cynthia Phillips, Edgewood Branch, cynthia.phillips@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, 410-436-2554.

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CFC information

Anyone needing information for this year, or from the 2001 Combined Federal Campaign, should contact John Belcher, john.belcher@usag.apg.army.mil or call 410-278-3131.

16th Annual 547th Engineer Battalion (Cbt) Association Reunion

The 547th Engineer Battalion (Cbt) Association and its attached units, 552nd and 1328th, will hold its 16th annual reunion from Aug. 1 to 4. The reunion will be held at the Drawbridge Inn, located on 2470 Royal Drive, Fort Mitchell, Ky., 41017, Route I-75/171 and Buttermilk Pike, Exit 186. For more information or for registration, call Nelson Reinhart, 1036 Terry Del Ln., Cincinnati, Ohio 45245, 513-752-8545, or Ursula Allen, 9111 Forest Ave. SW, Lakewood, Wash. 98498, 253-582-4649.

For hotel reservations, call 1-800-352-9866 (in state), or 1-800-354-9793.

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THANK YOU QUILT




Photo by SCOTT DAVIS

The students of John Tyler Elementary School in southeast Washington, D.C., created a "Thank You" quilt in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Department of Defense employees have a long-standing mentorship program with the school. Sixteen Pentagon quilts will be on display for the first time to the public during the Quilters Unlimited 29th Annual Quilt Show, May 10 to 12, at the Dulles Expo center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly, Va. For more information, call June Forte, office of the assistant secretary of defense (public affairs), 703-695-7778.

'Celebrate your freedom' at Law Day 2002

Dedication, luncheon, golf, part of May 1 activities

Sheila Little
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground hosts a day of activities in conjunction with this year's observance of Law Day, including a memorialization service, a luncheon program, and an afternoon of golf.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the APG Courthouse, building 2043, a memorialization service will be held in recognition of the efforts of a deceased servicemember who played a pivotal role in the designation and renovation of the installation's courthouse. Retired Lt. Col. Jackie L. Rice, who died in 1998, served as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate at APG from 1993 to 1995, and is credited with overseeing the designation and renovation of building 2043

as the APG Courthouse. One year after the project's completion, the courthouse received national media attention due to several connected courts martial and misconduct cases. Rice is credited with seeing to the timely completion of the new courthouse, thus offering an up-to-date facility for the proceedings.

A luncheon buffet and program is scheduled for Top of the Bay, building 30, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker is Thomas M. DiBiagio, U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland, who will address this year's theme, 'Celebrate your freedom, assur-



ing equal justice for all.' DiBiagio is Maryland's top federal prosecutor of violent crime, public corruption, and white-collar crime. A member of the Maryland Bar since 1985, the Baltimore native has been in private practice, and is also a former assistant U.S. attorney and author of journal articles on numerous law topics. Cost for the buffet is \$12.

Following the luncheon and program, a golf outing is planned for Ruggles Golf Course. Cost for the outing is \$13 for nine holes, and \$12 for cart rental. Participants must wear appropriate attire. Men

should wear shirts with collars and sleeves, appropriate tee shirts, and slacks or golf shorts. Ladies should wear dresses, slacks, golf shorts or skirts. All must wear appropriate footwear, such as golf shoes or sneakers, on the course.

To register for any or all of the Law Day activities, call Nora Farrell, 410-278-1107, by April 25. Cost for the buffet is \$12 per person. If paying by check, make the check out to Susan G. Grendahl and mail to: Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Bldg. 310, Wing 2, APG, MD 21005-5055.

Those wishing to join the golf outing should include payment for the outing, \$13 per person and \$12 per golf cart if requested, with their luncheon remittance. Due to heightened security, no reservations for Law Day activities will be accepted after April 25.

Education at work -- Thursday is the day to take your child to work

Sheila Little
APG News

April 25 is national Take Our Daughters/Sons to Work Day, a day in which parents are invited to take their sons and daughters to their place of employment to show them what they and co-workers do every day, exposing them to a variety of career possibilities.

Since the Army adopted the initiative, originally entitled Take Your Daughter to Work Day in 1993, Aberdeen Proving Ground, or APG, has expanded the program to include sons.

"I view this program as an extension of a student's classroom education," said Col. Mardi U. Mark, garrison and deputy installation commander. "Children can see how their classroom learning can later translate into the world of work, and that their educational achievements can lead to wider occupational choices."

With that support in mind, tenants and garrison employ-

ees, men and women, are encouraged to introduce their children, ages eight through 15, to their work environment and show participants that the Army, and in particular APG, is a place where men and women are afforded opportunities to work together in a wide range of occupations.

Although APG remains under Force Protection Charlie, gate security will allow the parent or guardian to vouch for their child on April 25, without completing the sign-in roster, providing the sponsor has appropriate identification. It is the responsibility of parents working in restricted areas to make any additional security arrangements with their organization's security personnel.

Over the last several years, tenant organizations have encouraged participation in the program by offering appropriate activities, tours and briefings geared to the future work force. Children are not to be exposed to haz-

ards. Parents must accompany their children to and during all events and/or activities at all times.

Harford County Public Schools is promoting the program by extending an excused absence to young participants. In addition, some schools or individual teachers may ask for a classroom report, so that everyone hears what to expect as they complete school and enter the work force.

To aid in planning, participating employees must complete the form, distributed via e-mail to all APG tenant activities, and submit to their supervisor prior to Thursday April 25. For more information, call Kimberly Alcorn, 410-278-1161.

"I encourage every parent to take the opportunity to share with their child and promote the career possibilities available on APG. Let's make this a good experience for all," Mark said.

APG thanks volunteers

A month of specials, reception planned

Sheila Little
APG News

If you've ever been coached in a sport, given blood at a blood drive, attended faith-based classes, been helped with homework, been a scout, or been welcomed to the neighborhood, chances are you've been coached, taught or assisted by a member of the Aberdeen Proving Ground volunteer community.

These giving individuals range in age from teen to senior, volunteer all over the installation and surrounding community and may contribute to health, sports, religious education, or neighborhood concerns, but all have one thing in common; a heart for the community.

Once a year APG recognizes the contributions of volunteers with a month of specials offered to volunteers. Volunteers receive a volunteer card from the recipient organization, and can present it from

April 21 to May 26 to receive specials and discounts.

Discounts available:

- The APG Bowling Center is offering a 10 percent discount at the pro shop, and a bowling special of \$1.25 per game when the lanes are available.
- The Ruggles and Exton golf courses are offering 18 holes of golf for half price.
- Those who visit the Aberdeen and Edgewood Craft Shops can receive a one-time custom framing price reduction of \$10.
- The Automotive Craft Center is offering one-hour free bay usage.
- Aberdeen and Edgewood Health and Fitness centers will give 20 percent off your choice of membership.
- Visit the Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park and play a free round of miniature golf or climb the rock wall for free.
- Especially for the younger volunteers, the youth centers

are offering free admittance to a dance.

In addition to the specials offered over the next several weeks, the APG community will formally thank volunteers at a recognition ceremony and reception in their honor, May 22, at 7 p.m. at Top of the Bay. Hosted by Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command and installation commander, the program will recognize all volunteers and the top category winners will be announced.

Everyone, whether volunteer or community member, is invited to join in recognizing APG's volunteer army. Organizations recognizing volunteers are reminded to pick up the cards entitling their volunteers to a month of specials on the first floor of building 324.

For more information or to make a reservation for the volunteer recognition, call 410-278-5469 or 2275.

Rapid Response Team passes the 'colors'

Capt. Nicole K. Chupas
SBCCOM

From the earliest time, warriors used banners or flags to identify specific units and to serve as a rallying point for troops on the battlefield. Thus the organizational color or flag became a symbol of the command and the passing of those colors symbolizes the passing of the command.

On March 22 "colors" were passed from one commander to another signifying a change in leadership of the Chemical Biological Rapid Response Team, or CB-RRT, at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Lt. Col. George E. Steiger replaced Lt. Col. James A. Bilotto, the CB-RRT commander for the past 18 months, in a ceremony presided over by Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command.

Doesburg described the CB-RRT as a unit that people look to for the experts; those that will advise, assist and pull together the resources that are necessary to prevent or protect the nation from harm.

"This ceremony truly symbolizes some of the heart-felt need of our nation for our skills and for these two great officers," said Doesburg. "CB-RRT will be there, they will be leading and they will be taking care of this great nation of ours."

"Lt. Col Bilotto's ability to lead an organization, pull together all of the different elements at the right time so we could respond to the events that unfolded after September 11th was momentous," said Doesburg.

Bilotto quoted Maj. Gen. Garrison from the book Black

Hawk Down, to describe his feelings during his command of the CB-RRT.

"For the first time in his career, he'd been given command of men he felt he didn't need to lead. They knew how to lead themselves. Garrison told them his job was just to supply them with what they needed and stay out of their way.' This is how I've felt about our folks," said Bilotto.

"I was always proud to represent such a talented pool."

Steiger was previously the chief of plans and contingency operations, for the SBCCOM Operations Enterprise.

"I look forward to the challenges and working with everyone," said Steiger.

"Lt. Col. Steiger brings a set of skills that is grounded in leadership and knowledge. He will be able to take CB-RRT to the next level," said Doesburg.

Steiger was a Reserve Officer Training Course distinguished military graduate in 1983 from Syracuse University where he received a bachelor's in chemistry. He also holds a master's in chemistry and a doctorate in chemistry from Georgia Tech.

His military education includes the basic and advanced chemical officer courses, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the technical escort course and space operations course.

Volunteer of the year nominees

Active duty nominees represent off-duty service to local schools, the chapel, the installation health clinic and various other Army community activities.

Maj. Newton Foster
Lt. Cmdr. Kenneth Whitwell
Sgt. 1st Class Martin Zapata
Sgt. 1st Class Darrell Diamond
Cpl. Sammie Real
Cpl. John Barbee

Family Member nominees represent service to scouts, the chapel, local schools, youth services, spouse clubs and the thrift shops.

Hattie Sanford
Margaret Garvin
Victoria Romero
Judy Hannon
Karla Davis
Amy Carlson
Celia Littlewood
Kathleen Santana

Ellen DiCuirci
Karen Gosnell
Petra Verdeman
Jessica Wilson
Sonja Flanigan
Halina King
Carol Mahanti

Military Retiree nominees were nominated for their service to the chapel.

Maj. John Richardson
1st Sgt. Dominick Butindaro
Staff Sgt. Frank McCullough

Civilian nominees represent the chapel and youth service organizations.

Patricia Cook
Monika McCulloch
Cathy Day

Amie Przygoda
Tracy Zapata

Youth nominees were nominated for service to the chapel.

Matt Santana
Maritza Rivera
Kevin Wilson
Kyle Kovalsick
Kim Spolarich

George Palma
Kristina McCullough
Jenny McCullough
Richard Gallo
Christina Kovalsick

CPAC Job Information Center services change

William Lowe
CPAC

The Job Information Center at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, or CPAC, affords customers the opportunity to view current vacancy announcements and obtain necessary documentation to apply for positions of interest at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

On April 22, the manned window will be closed and services will only be available on a self-help basis.

A CPAC representative will be available to answer questions by calling 410-278-1524. The Job Information Center, located in the lower level of the CPAC, building

305, is accessible to customers on a walk-in basis during regular CPAC hours, Monday through Thursday and every other Friday.

The job vacancy bulletin board and the Job Hotline are available for our customers, in addition to the CPAC Web site.

The job vacancy bulletin board lists current announcements, which are updated on a weekly basis. Announcements, applications and supporting documents are available in the corresponding bins located beneath the bulletin board.

The Job Hotline is a recorded listing of current vacancies and may be reached

by calling 410-306-2722 (4-CPAC). Also included on the Job Hotline is information concerning additional programs such as the Family Member Employment Program, Voluntary Leave Transfer Program, Veterans Preference and others.

Customers may also obtain employment information and on-line application procedures through the CPAC or Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center Web sites: <http://cpol.army.mil/home/home.html> and <http://cpol.army.mil/ner>.

For additional information, contact your servicing CPAC representative.

TSP for employees entering military active duty

William Lowe
CPAC

When civilian employees enter military active duty, they cannot make any contributions to their civilian Thrift Savings Plan accounts while on leave without pay or separated from the civilian position. As active duty service-members, they can contribute to a separate military TSP account, without the benefit of matching contributions from their branch of service. If they are later properly restored to their civilian position, they may make retroactive contributions to their civilian TSP account and elections to cover the period of military service.

Employees should be aware that the amount of money they can retroactively contribute to their civilian accounts will be offset by any contributions they made to their uniformed services TSP account while on active duty.

Federal Employee Retirement System employees are entitled to receive matching funds based on contributions made from basic pay while in the uniformed services, if the

employee is restored on their civilian position.

Uniformed services accounts are maintained separately from civilian accounts. If the employee contributes to both, the sum of the contributions to the two accounts during the same calendar year, cannot exceed the applicable Internal Revenue Service annual deferral limits.

Members of the uniformed services have access to the TSP loan program. However, reservists who drill only monthly should think seriously before taking a loan from their military accounts, because they may be unable to repay the loan in the time frame required by law. Employees are prohibited from repaying a uniformed services TSP loan from civilian pay, or vice versa.

Once the employee separates from either the uniformed services, or the federal civilian service, the employee will be able to combine the TSP accounts by contacting the TSP Service Office.

DTC

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in the development of these systems. The Army’s developmental test program will focus on helping program managers avoid schedule delays and deliver high-quality weapons and equipment to the field, he added.

“The big problem we have in Army acquisition is that it takes too long to field equipment,” Marcello said. “It’s not that systems can’t get through (operational) testing; they can’t even get into testing. The mission of the Developmental Test Command from now on will be to get systems into operational testing so they can perform successfully.”

Marcello said the ATEC Army Transformation

Technical Test Office, staffed by DTC test managers and representatives of the Army Program Manager, Brigade Combat Team, will bring together the expertise and key players needed to “lay out a thoughtful, incremental test program that will guarantee success.”

As the new office focuses on the immediate requirements of testing and fielding the various configurations of the Stryker, its long-range vision is to assist the Army with the testing and fielding of the futuristic weapons and equipment that will be used by the Army’s Objective Force.

The Army has budgeted billions of dollars annually on research and development for more than 30 key technologies identified as necessary for its Future Combat Systems, or FCS.

The new test support office

at APG will not only help the Army test and field the interim armored vehicle, it will be “fully engaged” in posturing early in the development of FCS technologies, Brig. Gen. Dean Ertwine, DTC commander, said.

He said the chief purpose of the office is to enhance the working relationship between testers, program managers, defense contractors and those who evaluate Army systems based on test reports.

“At ATEC, and specifically at DTC, we’re proud to be a part of that team,” Ertwine said. “We’ve assembled a group of very competent people in the office here, and we will do our best to find problems and fix them very early in the development of both the IAV and the Future Combat Systems.”



Photo by MICHAEL CAST

Murray Lickman, left, field supervisor for GM Defense of Canada, the Stryker manufacturer, describes the vehicle to Loveis Wagner, center, and John Redington of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command.

Abuse

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you’re hearing what your child is about to hear.

- You’re not alone if you think you need help. There are people who can help you cope with your life and family relationships. Check local resources to find the nearest child abuse hotline or crisis referral line.

Report suspected abuse or neglect:

- To report suspected abuse, call the military police at APG 410-306-0564/0565 or Edgewood (410) 436-2222/2125

For further information on child abuse prevention issues, contact Laura Reich, Army Community Service at 410-278-7478.

Edgewood CB Center celebrates 85 years of women in the workforce



These 1930s photographs depicts the Technical Division, Edgewood Arsenal, gas mask factory. One of the wings of the World War I Chlorine Plant was converted to a gas mask factory after the war. Women did most of the sewing for the gas mask face pieces.



Women employees filling gas mask canisters with charcoal, a filtering material used to protect soldiers from chemical agents.



Photo by CONRAD JOHNSON
Mary Hawks, Edgewood Chemical Biological Center's Applications Integration Branch, examines a modern-day gas mask

Kelly Buckingham
ECBC

On May 8, the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center will hold an 85th anniversary reception to honor women who have served ECBC since its establishment in 1917. Women who have worked at ECBC or its predecessor organizations anytime in the last 85 years are invited to attend.

The reception will be held at the Edgewood Area in the Berger Laboratory cafeteria, building E-3549, at 1 p.m.

Dr. Anna Johnson-Winegar, deputy assistant to the secretary of Defense for Chemical and Biological Defense, is the guest speaker.

“Women have been, and will always be, an integral part of the ECBC workforce,” Jim Zarzycki, director of ECBC said. “In the early years, women worked in factories at Edgewood assembling gas

masks designed to protect U.S. soldiers from deadly chemical agents. As ECBC prepares to celebrate its 85th anniversary, you can find women employed in all areas of ECBC’s core competencies, including chemistry, biology, engineering, and ‘hands on’ sampling and testing.”

Since 1917, ECBC and its predecessor organizations have been at the forefront of chemical biological defense research. ECBC is the Army’s principal research and development center for chemical and biological defense technology, engineering and services.

Anyone interested in attending the event should call Charlotte Albro at 410-436-4733 by April 29.

Questions concerning the event should be referred to the Public Affairs Office, 410-436-4347.

ECBC and its predecessor organization names

1998-present	Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC)
1992-1988	Edgewood Research, Development, and Engineering Center (ERDEC)
1983-1992	Chemical Research, Development, and Engineering Center (CRDC)
1977-1983	Chemical Systems Laboratory (CSL)
1971-1977	Chemical Laboratory, Development and Engineering Directorate
1966-1971	Research Laboratories, Weapons Development and Engineering Laboratories (WDEL), Defense Development and Engineering Laboratories (DDEL)
1960-1966	Chemical Research and Development Laboratories (CRDL)
1956-1960	Chemical Warfare Laboratories (CWL)
1951-1956	Chemical Corps Chemical and Radiological Laboratories (C&RL)
1942-1951	Technical Command
1942	Research and Development Department
1920-1942	Technical Division

In late 1917, President Woodrow Wilson approved Edgewood Arsenal as the site for the first chemical shell filling plant.

System developed at Edgewood CB Center showcased at PTO Technology Fair

Kelly Buckingham
ECBC

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, or PTO, requested the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center demonstrate a revolutionary bomb containment system at the PTO’s “Homeland Security Inventors Expo” held March 18 at the Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C.

ECBC’s system, known as the Chemical Biological Explosive Containment System, or CBECS, is designed to contain and mitigate chemical or biological improvised dispersal devices and small munitions.

CBECS consists of two tent-like structures, one for primary containment and the other for secondary containment. The primary containment structure is designed to be placed over the suspect device or munition and is filled with blast suppressive aqueous foam. This component will contain/mitigate approximately 95 to 100 percent of the blast overpressure. The secondary structure is placed over the primary containment structure for additional mitigation and containment.

CBECS can be rapidly deployed over an explosive device by one to two people.

U.S. Deputy Commerce Secretary Sam

Bodman and James Rogan, under secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, were present at the event. In a released statement Rogan said, “America’s patent system plays a vital role in the development of the technological advances on exhibit today. Most of these products are already in use here at home and abroad. They provide us with greater protection at our airports, borders, defense facilities and places of work. They will help the United States win the war on terrorism.”

Of the hundreds of thousands of patents the PTO awards each year, it and the Department of

Commerce independently selected nine inventions that were awarded patents within the past two years (last year alone the PTO issued 187,824 patents). These inventions were selected based on their ability to protect Americans from terrorist attacks. Three of the nine inventions were U.S. Army inventions, including ECBC’s CBECS. In addition, one university and five companies were asked to demonstrate technologies.

ECBC entered into a patent licensing agreement with ZUMRO, Inc., to market CBECS to commercial customers.

Two ECBC scientists win bio detection awards

Kelly Buckingham
ECBC

Two scientists at the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center located in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, were recipients of this year’s “Excellence in Technology Transfer” Award from the Federal Laboratory Consortium. The award recognizes laboratory employees who have demonstrated outstanding work in transferring technology developed by a federal laboratory to the commercial marketplace.

ECBC scientists Drs. Charles Wick and Peter Stopa and his team, won the awards for developing revolutionary detection technologies for viruses and biological agents.

Wick developed an Integrated Virus Detection System, or IVDS, that can rapidly (near real time) detect a full spectrum of known, unknown and mutated viruses such as foot and mouth disease, AIDS, West Nile Virus and others that are dangerous to humans and animals.

ECBC recently signed a licensing agreement for the IVDS with Virus Detection Systems Company, LLC, which allows the company to market the IVDS to commercial customers.

Stopa led a team of ECBC scientists who developed a biological detection kit. The kit consists of sampling and detection equipment for biological agents and has a variety of sampling devices to obtain solid, liquid and aerosol samples.

The kit was introduced to the marketplace under the name “BioHaz(tm)” by EAI Corporation and has been used by HAZMAT teams in several cities in response to the recent anthrax incidents.

The Federal Laboratory Consortium was organized to promote and strengthen technology transfer throughout the United States. It is a nationwide network of more than 700 laboratories and research and development centers.

The Consortium gave out 26 “Excellence in Technology Transfer” awards this year.

DOD fights government credit card abuse

MilitaryReport.com

Defense officials are on the trail of anyone who has not paid their government travel credit card bill or misused government purchase cards.

A task force has been set up with the Department of Defense, or DOD, inspector general and Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and representatives from the Office of Personnel Management, Justice Department and Office of Management and Budget. Its objectives are to investigate and punish wrongdoers, develop reforms, and improve training and senior management enforcement.

The DOD has issued about 1.4 million travel credit cards to individual employees and servicemembers. Last year, cardholders charged some \$3.4 billion using the cards.

The department has also issued about 207,000 purchase cards to persons authorized to buy office supplies and equipment. Last year, \$6.1 million was spent using DOD purchase cards.

Defense officials say users’ current delinquency rate on travel cards is 11.7 percent and 3 percent for centrally billed purchase card accounts.

Accounts are considered delinquent when payment is not made within 60 days.

Punishment for card misuse, fraud and abuse include termination of DOD employment, imprisonment, probation, restitution, fines and demotion, officials said.

The credit card programs are a major part of the DOD’s efforts to improve its business practices. The cards cut costs, free up funds for critical requirements and create the potential for accountability.

Since April 2001, defense officials have taken steps to reduce misuse, fraud and abuse and have succeeded in cutting the total delinquent amount from \$20 million to about \$6.9 million.

Training

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they are to keep pace with the growing demands of employment in high-technology disciplines,” he said.

Simmons said Army agencies are bracing for a “train wreck” within the next few years if too many senior tech-

nicians and leaders retire and leave the workforce without being replaced by people with commensurate skills and education in science and technology or business administration.

Scientific and technical organizations at APG also increasingly expect workers to have or pursue graduate degrees, Simmons said. The S&T Board has been seeking to help the HEAT Center and

local community colleges and universities establish undergraduate and graduate courses and degree programs in Harford County, by promoting these opportunities within the APG workforce.

As the deputy to the commander of the Developmental Test Command, or DTC, Simmons said he encourages his workforce to seek advanced degrees and training

opportunities to stay abreast of the latest developments in their professions. Army organizations are seeking to remove obstacles to education and training by helping with tuition and providing a work environment that allows people time for study and attendance at training seminars, he added.

Not only will Army agencies on post seek a well-educated workforce with a technology focus; the Route 40 corridor in Harford County is becoming an attractive area for high-tech businesses, many of which have moved into this area within the past few years. Among those are the Battelle Eastern Regional Technology Center; NutraMax, a pharma-

ceutical company that has done some work in partnership with APG; Smith DPS - Environmental Technologies Group, Inc.; Web.Advantage and CertifiedTech.

Figures just released by the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation show that industries in Harford County paid average weekly wages in 2000 that ranged from \$611 for high-tech manufacturing jobs to \$1,040 for workers producing health-industry wares. Information technology employees earned an average of \$976 a week, while telecommunications workers earned an average of \$804 weekly.

“We’re hoping that people

at APG recognize that there are opportunities to prepare for a future career outside the gate,” said Teri Morris, coordinator for HEAT Center operations.

“We’re hoping that people will look five years ahead and determine if they’re ready to step up. The primary mission of the HEAT Center is to promote learning in science and technology, in alignment with APG, but we’re looking to expand educational opportunities.”

Morris said the center is continually striving to determine the level of interest for a variety of course offerings leading to degrees, as well as short-term educational programs and seminars, and provide those opportunities if enough people are interested. In some cases, a class or seminar can be held with just a few students, she said. Courses or seminars at the HEAT Center include degrees in business administration and information technology, as well as courses outside the traditional science and technology offerings if interest is sufficient, she added.

The Army Education Center at APG, a co-sponsor of the professional development forum, is focused on educational programs for soldiers. The University of Maryland, Harford Community College, Strayer University, Central Michigan University and the Florida Institute of Technology have representatives at the Education Center to assist with educational programs. Other continuing education and training programs include distance learning, to help soldiers advance in their military careers or prepare for civilian life.

“The Army Education Center can also help soldiers obtain tuition assistance,” said Roz Strickland, who will present “Academic Programs and Partners at APG” during the professional development day.

Jim LaCalle, chairman of the APG S&T Board Higher Education committee, will present “Academic Programs and Partners at the HEAT Center.”

For more information about this event, contact Steve Clark at 410-278-1267.

Veterans outreach center opens in Aberdeen



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
From left, Ruth Pruitt, readjustment counseling therapist, Ernie Baringer, retired outreach counselor, and Lon Campbell, team leader of the Elkton Vet Center, accept a Prisoner of War/Missing in Action flag from Phil Hamme, right, regional manager for veterans readjustment counseling services during the dedication ceremony for the new Vet Center at 223 W. Bel Air Avenue on Law Street in Aberdeen.

Yvonne Johnson

APG News

Standing by its commitment to the veterans of Harford County, the Department of Veterans Affairs opened a new outstation for readjustment counseling services, or RCS, in Aberdeen on April 5.

Located at 223 W. Bel Air Avenue, Suite #1, on Law Street, the facility, commonly

referred to as the Vet Center, is an outstation of the Elkton Vet Center.

Veterans, family members and local dignitaries attended the outdoor ceremony that was hosted by Ruth Pruitt, the station's readjustment therapist. The guests included Col. Mardi U. Mark, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison and deputy installation commander, Aberdeen Mayor Doug

Wilson, Phil Hamme, RCS regional manager, Lon Campbell, Elkton Vet Center team leader and representatives from local veteran organizations.

The center focuses on the treatment of delayed stress, commonly referred to as post traumatic stress disorder, Pruitt said, noting that a delayed stress reaction may not surface for many years.

"It's important to realize that this not only affects the veteran, but the family as well," Pruitt noted, adding that family and marital counseling is a vital part of the treatment process.

Mark told the audience that part of what makes the Army work is America's commitment to its veterans.

"This center brings to the community a convenient place for our veterans to seek help," Mark said, noting that Aberdeen veterans no longer have to travel to Perry Point or Baltimore for counseling services. "Its premier counseling is in demand today and will be in the future."

Testimonials by veterans who have received readjustment services highlighted the program. Speakers included Battle of the Bulge veteran Ralph Kelly, World War II veteran and former Prisoner of War Arthur Way, Korean War veteran Red Lowman, Persian Gulf War veteran and former POW prison guard David Bokeno, and Vietnam veterans James Hinton, Monty Johnson and Connie Freier. All agreed the readjustment services changed their lives.

"They showed me how to reach out to other veterans with help for problems they may be encountering," Hinton said.

Johnson added that he did not consider himself "one of the Vietnam vets with problems" until he began talking about the war 18 months ago.

"Counseling made quite a difference in my life," Johnson said. "Since then, I talked to my wife about the war more than I have in the last 30 years."

Lowman, who also was a military advisor during the Persian Gulf War, said he was compelled to recall his experiences during the Korean War after he suffered a heart attack in December. He said he had "a good cry" during his session.

"Counseling got me on the right track," Lowman said.

"They treat us as human beings with human feelings. Thank you for being here for me and for the other veterans."

Debbie Richter, team leader for the Baltimore Vet Center closed the program with an original song she wrote for Sept. 11 victims of the Pennsylvania plane crash. "Let's Roll" is due for release this summer by Hill Top Records.

Pruitt thanked the many organizations that "made this day possible," noting the work of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 588, led by Richard Marcinik, chapter president and Norman Boskind, past president as well as American Legion Post 128 which provided 55 chairs and its ladies auxiliary which provided the cake.

"The chapter paid for 60 chairs, erected the tent and provided much needed logistical help," Pruitt said. "We couldn't have done this without their help."

Pruitt encouraged all to spread the word about the new center and to not be too proud to seek help there.

"We're here for the veterans and their families," Pruitt said. "But our biggest challenge is helping those who don't want to be helped."

The program included the posting of the colors by the 143rd Ordnance Battalion color guard, led by Sgt. 1st Class Chad Coleman, the leading of the pledge of allegiance by members of the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association, Free State Chapter 70, and members of the 29th Division Association and music from the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) woodwind quartet.

Congress established the Vet Center program in 1979 recognizing that significant numbers of Vietnam-era veterans were still experiencing readjustment problems.

In April 1991, in response to the Persian Gulf War, Congress extended the eligibility to veterans who served

during other periods of armed hostilities, including the Korean War, World War II, and service in Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Somalia and Yugoslavia.

The goal of the Vet Center program is to provide a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to veterans to help make a satisfying post-war readjustment to civilian life.

Vet Center services include individual, marital, family and group counseling, alcohol/drug assessment and referral, benefit and job referral, employment counseling, community education and liaison service and information about local and national veterans organizations and projects.

Vet Center locations include the Elkton station, 103 Chesapeake Boulevard, Suite A in Elkton, 410-392-4485 and the Cambridge Clinic Outstation, 830 Chesapeake Drive, in Cambridge, Md., 410-228-6305 ext. 4123 or 1-877-864-9611 ext. 4123.

NAF

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selected winners and first runners-up in each category.

"Runners-up will receive plaques, certificates and \$500. The first-place winners will receive a \$1,000 cash award, a plaque and a reserved parking spot," Futtu said.

Margie Giles

Margie Giles is an operations assistant at the APG Bowling Center. She has worked in Community Recreation for 12 years, beginning in 1990 as a recreation aide. In the bowling center, her duties include keeping time cards, taking pro shop orders, booking reservations, working the front desk, maintaining the bulletin board and posting flyers as well as helping on the grill and cash register when needed.

Giles said she was "truly surprised" to win for a job she enjoys doing.

"It's fun to interact with the customers and see them enjoy themselves," Giles said.

Having a good work ethic and attitude helps, Giles said, adding, "A smile can get you through the day."

Angie Ferrell

Angie Ferrell has been employed by Army Lodging since 1996 when she started as a desk clerk. As the Swan Creek Inn office manager she oversees the front desk operations and supervises about 17 subordinates.

Ferrell said she was surprised and honored to be selected.

"I felt my supervisor must have a lot of respect for me to even consider me for that," Ferrell said.

"Hard work pays off," she added. "I wouldn't have won anything if not for the folks that work for me. They make me look good."

Carissa Bare

Carissa Bare, a 1999 Employee of the Year, began her career at the Ruggles Golf Course as a recreation aide. She joined the Community Recreation Division staff in 1997 as a recreation aide and has since been promoted to a regular full-time operations assistant at Outdoor Recreation. Bare said she enjoys interacting with cus-

tomers and thanked supervisor, Cheryl Roark for the nomination.

"It felt great," she said of her winning for the second time.

She added that her plans include "staying on and working my way up."

Martha Kite

Martha Kite has worked for the Directorate of Community and Family Activities for 10 years, beginning as a custodial worker. Now a supply clerk with the Supply Branch, Kite said she felt humbled to be named employee of the year in the newest category, para-professional.

"It makes you feel good to know that people appreciate what you do," Kite said.

Runners-Up

The NAF runners-up were

Christina Keithley, Aberdeen Youth Services and Mary Brousseau, Outdoor Recreation, administrative; Hedy Lis, arts and crafts, trades and crafts; Gayla Hurley, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, para-professional; and Mark Burk, APG golf program, supervisory.

The nominees in the administrative category included Julie Bates, NAF, Polly Scott, NAF, Lesli Hendershot, Army lodging, John Harris, Nancy Pangelinan and Deborah Leroy, fitness center.

Trades and Crafts nominees included Constance Arnold, Army lodging; Bessie Perry, bowling center; Merritt McMullen, golf program and David Hall, community recreation division.

Paul Walters, youth services, was nominated in the para-professional category.

Sports & Recreation

USMC handles Company C 16th: 15-8, 15-5

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

With the intramural volleyball season in high gear, last year's top teams are again leading their divisions.

In April 9 action at the Aberdeen Athletic Center, the defending post champion U.S. Marine Corps Academy took care of Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion 15-8; 15-5. The undefeated Marines lead the National Division.

With only two returning players from the 2001 championship team, USMC coach Bill Cowger said the team's plan remains the same.

"We're thinking about defending our title and going undefeated like last year," Cowger said. He added that most of his players have "pretty good fundamentals" and respond well to coaching.

Company C 16th coach Marilyn Foster said her team

was not to be discounted.

"We practice as often as possible," Foster said, adding a prediction that the team will finish well.

In the first match, Company C 16th scored first, taking a 3-0 lead off the serving of Jeremiah Bard. A turnover put the serve in the hands of USMC's Andrew White who took the team to a 7-3 lead. The team went up, 9-3 before Company C 16th regained the serve. Troy Williams moved his team closer at 9-6 with help from Bard who made key defensive plays at the net, backed up by Joel Rivera and Jerome Grey.

Company C 16th eased back into the game closing the gap to a 9-7 deficit but USMC pulled away again with Cowger on serve, and veteran players Shawn Przygoda, Ernest Robke and David Mayers at the net, pushing it

up to an 11-7 lead.

Up, 13-8, Przygoda's mean ace on serve took the match to game point and Mike Williamson closed it out on the next possession for the 15-8 win.

The Marines cruised in the second match, going up 4-0 before Company C 16th put two on the board. USMC pulled away again; going up 8-2, then a Company C 16th timeout saw Joshua Clark take over on serve to put his team back in it, 8-5.

The USMC defense held, however, as Przygoda, Robke and Mayers again showed their muscle on defense to lead the team to a 15-5 victory.

"We play better than that," Cowger said after the game. "We came together as a team and won."

With a warning to would-be rivals, he added, "We have the court."



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion's Jerome Grey, 32, tries in vain to block a spike by the U.S. Marine Corps Academy's Shawn Przygoda, during the second match of the units' April 9 game. From left, Mike Williamson, 14, and Company C 16th's Troy Williams, 3, and Nekeisha Castle, 13. Ed Ward is the referee.

Volleyball update

The following results were reported for intramural volleyball for the week ending April 12.

American Division

April 8
HHC 143rd defeated NCOA, 15-3; 15-7
KUSAHC defeated Company A 308th MI, 16-14; 15-13
April 10
Company A 308th MI defeated NCOA, 11-15; 15-12; 15-10

Schedule
April 22
6:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. HHC 16th
7:30 p.m., KUSAHC vs. NCOA
April 24
6:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. NCOA
7:30 p.m., KUSAHC Company A 308th MI

Standings
HHC 143rd 3-0
HHC 16th 2-1
KUSAHC 2-2
Company A 308th MI 1-2
NCOA 0-3

Edgewood Division
April 8
MRICD defeated Company C

143rd, 15-2; 15-12
Company B 143rd defeated Company A 143rd, 15-8; 15-5
April 10
MRICD defeated CHPPM, 15-9; 15-12
Company A 143rd defeated Company C 143rd, 15-7; 15-5

Schedule
April 22
6:30 p.m., CHPPM vs. Company B 143rd
7:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. MRICD
April 24
6:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. Company A 143rd
7:30 p.m., MRICD vs. Company C 143rd

Standings
MRICD 4-0
CHPPM 3-1
Company A 143rd 3-2
Company B 143rd 3-2
Company C 143rd 3-3

National Division
April 9
USMC defeated Company C 16th, 15-8; 15-5
Company E 16th defeated Company B 16th, 15-4; 15-1
HHC 1/115th defeated Company A 16th, 11-15; 15-12; 15-12

April 11
USMC defeated Company A 16th, 15-9; 15-1
Company E defeated HHC 1/115th, 15-7; 15-10
Company B 16th defeated Company C 16th, 10-15; 15-13; 15-3

Schedule
April 23
6:30 p.m., HHC 1/115th vs. Company C 16th
7:15 p.m., Company E 16th vs. Company A 16th
8 p.m., Company B 16th vs. USMC
April 25
6:30 p.m., USMC vs. Company C 16th
7:15 p.m., Company E 16th vs. Company B 16th
8 p.m., HHC 1/115th vs. Company A 16th

Standings
USMC 4-0
Company E 16th 3-1
HHC 1/115th 1-1
Company C 16th 1-2
Company B 16th 1-2
Company A 16th 0-3

Junior golf registration begins

Junior Golf for the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas will be held at Ruggles Golf Course Tuesday and Thursday, June 25 to Aug. 8. Golf for ages 7 to 9 will be held 8 to 9 a.m.; ages 10 to 11, 9 to 10 a.m.; and ages 12 to 17, 10 to 11 a.m.

Registration is May 1 to 15, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at Army Community Service, building 2752. Registration is open to all guests who are sponsored by an eligible patron



(includes military, Department of Defense civilian, retiree).

Fees include \$15 for yearly registration for all youth programs (if not already paid); \$50 for eligible youth; and \$55 for non-eligible youth.

For more information about the golf program, call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297. For daytime registration appointments, call Amie Przygoda, 410-278-7571.

Introduction to Golf will be held

Introduction to Golf will be held April 24, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Ruggles Golf course. Cost is \$25. For more information, e-mail marni.allison@usag.apg.army.mil or call Marni Allison at 410-278-5567.

Introduction to the Irons will be held

Introduction to the Irons will be held April 21 at 2 p.m. or May 1 at 5 p.m. at Ruggles Golf Course. Cost is \$10. For more information, e-mail marni.Allison@usag.apg.army.mil or call her at 410-278-5567.

Introduction to the Irons will be held

Introduction to the Short Game will be held April 28 at 2 p.m. at Ruggles Golf Course or Wednesday, May 8 at 5 p.m. at Ruggles Golf Course and Exton Golf Course. Cost is \$10. For more information, e-mail marni.Allison@usag.apg.army.mil or call Marni Allison at 410-278-5567.

Chesapeake Challenge opens May 3

Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park, building 3410, will open on weekends starting May 3. Hours for the weekend are May 3, 4 to 10 p.m., May 4, 1 to 10 p.m. and May 5, 1 to 8 p.m.

A five-minute go-kart ride is \$4; 18 holes of miniature golf is \$3; a climb on the new 24-foot climbing wall is \$2 or hit a dozen balls at the batting cage for only 50 cents.

For more information, contact Wayne Doyel at 410-278-4124/5789 or e-mail him at wayne.doyel@usag.apg.army.mil.

Opening day baseball parade

Opening day for the Aberdeen Proving Ground and Aberdeen Parks and Recreation youth baseball and T-ball leagues begins with a parade, April 27, 9:30 a.m., starting at the Aberdeen library. It will move down West Bel Air Avenue to Aberdeen Middle School on Mt. Royal Avenue, where opening day ceremonies will commence.

For more information, call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297.

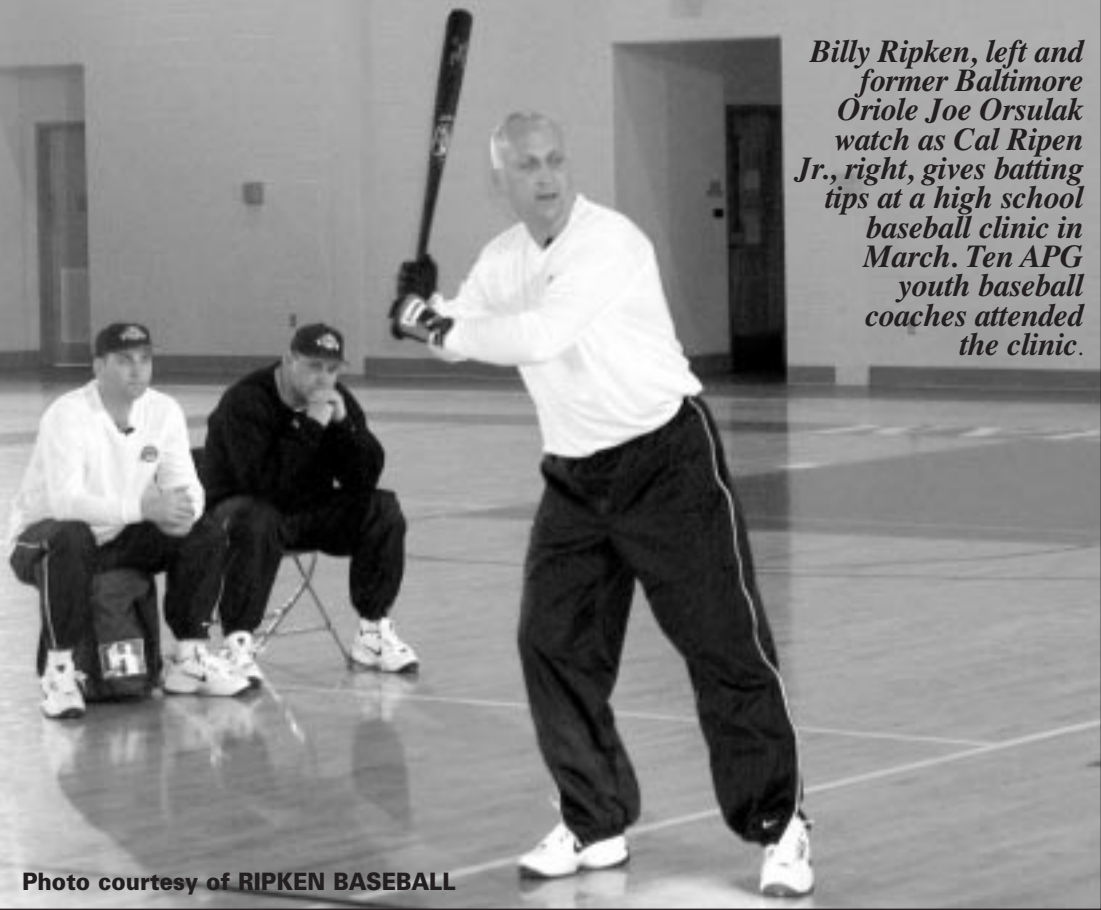
APG Early Bird Softball Tournament

Fifteen-member teams can compete in the APG early bird softball tournament April 20 and 21 at the APG softball fields. Cost is \$225 per team. For more information, e-mail donna.coyne@usag.apg.army.mil or call her at 410-278-3929.

Friday Night Rock and Roll League

League will be held every Friday beginning May 10, 6:30 p.m. in the Bowling Center, building 2342. Cost is \$10 per week. For more information, e-mail chris.lockhart@usag/apg.army.mil or call her at 410-278-3904.

Youth coaches learn from Cal Ripken Jr.



Billy Ripken, left and former Baltimore Oriole Joe Orsulak watch as Cal Ripen Jr., right, gives batting tips at a high school baseball clinic in March. Ten APG youth baseball coaches attended the clinic.

Photo courtesy of RIPKEN BASEBALL

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Ten Aberdeen Proving Ground youth baseball and T-ball coaches received instructions from a true professional during a baseball clinic at C. Milton Wright High School in March.

The clinic instructor, Billy Ripken brought along a special guest, his brother, Cal Ripken Jr.

Bill Kegley, APG youth sports director, was invited to the clinic by a friend who attended a previous Ripken Baseball Clinic and wanted to share the information that he learned with others.

“All the coaches were thrilled,” Kegley said, adding that meeting and talking with the future Hall-of-Famer was an unexpected pleasure.

Kegley said the brothers gave fundamental instructions on defense and batting while Cal taught most of the batting portion.

The clinic produced new ideas on running drills, organized practices, and getting the most out of your practice times,” Kegley said.

“The “Ripken Way” was learned by 10 APG youth coaches who will never forget that special night,” he added.

Kegley said he and Ripken Jr. discussed the NYCSEA, a certification program for youth sports coaches in which coaches and parents sign a code of ethics that emphasizes good sportsmanship and being a good role model.

“He seemed interested and asked for my business card,” Kegley said.

Perhaps APG will hear from the “Iron Man” in the future.

LEAVE DONATION

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program are:

Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)	Denise M. Fox (maternity leave)	Jennifer Keetley (maternity)	Cecil Pennington (surgery)	Debra S. Stark (surgery)
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)	Joyce C Green	Beverly King (caring for husband)	Debi L. Petosky (back surgery)	Rachel Swearingen
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant)	Gerald P. Gulden	William Klein	Karen S Pense	Walter J. Swiderski (surgery)
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema)	Michael L. Hitchcock (surgery)	Nicole L. Klein (broken ankle)	Mary E. Pettiway	Hilary P. Talbot
Jane E. Calahan (surgery)	Fern L. Hitchcock (surgery)	Carrie L. Lambert	Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)	Alison Tichenor (surgery)
Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery)	Melanie A. Hoffman (paras-inusitis, fibromyalgia condition)	Yvonne Lissimore (knee surgery)	Angela L. Reeves (maternity leave)	Sandra M. Wachter (surgery)
Tracy H Coliano-Hirsch (maternity)	Nina M. Holley	Angela R. Little (neck and shoulder injury)	Michael Reynolds	Rosalind Walters-Kenion (maternity)
Geraldine S. Cragg	Beverly A Higgins (surgery)	Edna L. Lobodzinski (eye surgery)	Boyd J. Richards (care of mother)	Cecelia Walton (respiratory problems)
Dawn M. Crouse (surgery)	John C. Houck	Geraldine Martin (surgery)	Denise Robinson (maternity)	Beverly A. Werner (surgery)
Rene de Pontbriand	Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant)	William B. McLean (kidney failure)	Ricky Ross (heart attack)	Michael R. Willard
Tricia Lin Dietz	Wayne A. Jaynes	Rebecca G. Mercer-Leto (heart attack)	Tami C. Rowland (maternity)	Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)
Fred Dill	Evelyn K. Johnson (surgery)	Stacy Miller (maternity)	Allan Scarborough (back surgery)	Andrew M. Vaught (brain tumor removed)
Joseph R. Dugan	Marlin Julian (heart surgery)	Sandra W. Miller (back surgery)	Jennifer W. Sekowski	Wanda L.Waldon (surgery)
Messina Enderlein	Mary B. Kane (surgery on leg)	John E. Mogan (surgery)	Sherry Schaffer	Colleen Waller
Wayne Erb (wife is ill)			Lena Shelton	Josephine O. Wojciechowski (care for elderly parents)
			Motoko Stahl	

For information about donating annual leave, call Dave Mial at 410-278-1524 or fax 410-278-7877.

Community Notes

**THURSDAY
APRIL 18
TEEN JOB PREPARATION WORKSHOP**

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program, Child and Youth Service Liaison/Youth Education Services, Bel Air Workforce will sponsor an Aberdeen Proving Ground Teen Job Preparation Workshop, 4 to 6 p.m., at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522. Topics include resumes, paychecks, interview skills, job skills and completing applications, and helping youths achieve their highest potential.

For more information or registration, call Marilyn Howard, ACS Employment Readiness, 410-278-9669, or Ivan Mehosky, CYS School Liaison/Youth Education Services, 410-278-2857.

SAME LUNCHEON

The Society of American Military Engineers-Chesapeake Post April luncheon will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the SAIC Office, 2109 Emmorton Park Road, Suite 121, Edgewood. This month's speaker is Pat Timm, Bechtel Aberdeen Environmental manager, speaking on the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Neutralization Facility.

For reservations, call Valerie Nichols, 301-670- 2250, fax 301-309-1579 or e-mail valerie_nichols@urscorp.com, no later than April 15.

(Editors note: At the customer's request, APG News agreed to run this even though the R.S.V.P. date has expired. SAME will handle calls on a first-come-first served basis.)

**FRIDAY
APRIL 19
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit Aberdeen High School soccer will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, Aberdeen, at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Tickets cost \$10. For information or tickets, call Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

3RD FRIDAY PARTY

A 3rd Friday Party will be held 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. The party includes music provided by DJ Buggs, a dance demonstration by "The Charm City Dancers," games, light fare and cash bar. The party is open to permanent party military, APG civilians, contract workers and guests. Tickets cost \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. To purchase tickets or for more information, call the AA Recreation Center at 410-278-2621.

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
APRIL 19 AND 20
'NUNSENSE' BY TIDEWATER PLAYERS**

The Tidewater Players presents "Nunsense," a musical comedy by Dan Goggin, at the Havre de Grace Old Opera Hall at 8 p.m. April 19 and 20. Directed by Laurie Starkey, the play features six local actors, some of whom performed with the former Aberdeen Proving Ground Players. Admission is \$10. For information or reservations, call 410-939-5046/0430.

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
APRIL 19, 20 AND 21
'HELLO DOLLY'**

The St. Paul's Players of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will present "Hello, Dolly!" April 19 to 28 through special arrangement with Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc. This is the fourth musical production by the group whose mission is to provide family entertainment and fellowship for members of the church and the community. The book is by Michael Stewart, the music and lyrics are by Jerry Herman, and it is based on the play, "The Matchmaker" by Thornton Wilder.

Performances will be held Friday and Saturday, April 19 and 20 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 21 at 3 p.m. General admission seating is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. For reservations, call the box office at 410-734-7429. The church is located at 201 Mt. Royal Ave. and Route 22 in Aberdeen. This production of "Hello, Dolly!" is supported by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council, an agency funded by the State of Maryland and the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more information, call 410-272-3111.

**SATURDAY
APRIL 20
CELEBRATE EARTH DAY IN HA VRE DR GRACE**

The Harford County Earth Day 2002 Celebration will take place rain or shine 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Swan Harbor Farm, 401 Oakington Road, located approximately two miles passed Roye Williams Elementary School in Havre de Grace. (See article on page 15 for more information.)

WALK FIVE MILESTO CURE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Do something healthy for yourself and your community at the Maryland Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's 'MS Walk in Bel Air,' starting at Bel Air High School. By walking five miles, you not only keep in shape, but get the chance to help local residents living with MS.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is dedicated to ending the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis. The society is the leading provider of information and programs for people with MS and their families as well as the supporter of more MS research projects than any other voluntary MS organization in the world.

For more information, visit www.nationalMSSociety or call 1-800-FIGHT-MS.

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
APRIL 20 AND 21
YARD SALE**

Girl Scout Troop 1331 will have a yard sale, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 103 South Rogers Street, Aberdeen. Rain date is April 27. For more information, call Debbie Lassen, 410-273-8930.

**SUNDAY
APRIL 21
JIM MURRAY TO PERFORM AT SERVICE**

Jim Murray will speak and sing at the 11 a.m. worship ser-

vice at the First Baptist Church of Aberdeen, 219 E. Bel Air Ave. Join the congregation to hear his music and testimony. His story includes experience singing with The Imperials and The Gaithers.

HARFORD CHORAL SOCIETY SPRING CONCERT

The Harford Choral Society Spring Concert will be held at 3 p.m. at St. Mary Magdelene Mission of St. Margaret, 1716 Churchville Rd. (Route 22), Bel Air. The cost is \$12.50 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students over 15.

Tickets are available at Preston's Stationary, Music & Arts in the Festival at Bel Air, at the door, or by calling Mindy Elledge, 410-939-0338.

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 24
NCMA CHESAPEAKE CHAPTER MEETING**

The National Contract Management Association, Upper Chesapeake Chapter, will hold its monthly meeting 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Top of the Bay, the Old Baltimore Room. The presentation begins promptly at noon. Guest speaker Blake Sajonia, head of the Business Development Office at Aberdeen Proving Ground, will speak on the "Utilization of the Federal Technology Transfer Program at APG and its Interrelationship with Government Contract."

For more information or to make a reservation, call Beth Flemming 410-278-5287, or send e-mail to Elizabeth.Flemming@usag.apg.army.mil.

For individuals who do not have an ID card that allows them access to APG, send Flemming your full name (first, middle, last) and the last four digits of your Social Security Number by close of business April 19, in order to be included on the Post Access Roster for April 24. The Upper Chesapeake Chapter recommends 1 CLP for this presentation.

ASMC LUNCHEON

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Chesapeake Chapter, will host a luncheon at the Gunpowder Lounge, Top of the Bay, Aberdeen Proving Ground, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Buffet style luncheon is pay as you go. Chapter President David Mike will speak on the 2002 Professional Development Institute seminar to be held in Denver, Colo., May 28 to 31.

If interested in attending, contact your ASMC representative.

AFTB CLASS ON COMMUNITY RESOURCES

An Army Family Team Building class will be held 6 to 7:30 p.m., at Army Community Service, building 2752. AFTB provides training for a way of life that prepares everyone in America's Army to function at its highest level, in any situation, with minimal outside support. Class topics include military and civilian community resources and the Army Family Action Plan, or AFAP.

To sign up call Diana Jackson, 410-278-2464, by April 22.

**THURSDAY
APRIL 25
'ONE WAY 2 PLAY-DRUG FREE'**

Child and Youth Services Division, the Chaplain Activities Office, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes is sponsoring "One Way 2 Play-Drug Free," a program to confront the problem of drugs and alcohol among young people.

Steve Fitzhugh, a former Denver Broncos National Football League football player, will speak at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Post Theater, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Bill Kegley at 410-306-2297 or Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857. Youth must be at least 13 years old to attend.

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**SATURDAY
APRIL 27
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Good Shepherd Catholic School will be held at the Good Shepherd School, 810 Aiken Avenue, Perryville, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Tickets cost \$10. Additional sets can be purchased for \$5. For tickets, call the Good Shepherd School, 410-642-6265, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

TRIP TO SIX FLAGS

Club Beyond and the Aberdeen Proving Ground chapels are sponsoring a bus trip for middle school students (grades 6 to 8) to Six Flags America. Meet at the Aberdeen Area Chapel at 8 a.m. Suggested donation is \$30 and includes transportation, admission and lunch. Registration deadline is April 12.

For questions or more information, call Alan Leavell at the chapel, 410-278-4333.

**SUNDAY
APRIL 28
BASKET BINGO**

American Legion Post 194, Rising Sun, is sponsoring a basket bingo. Games begin at 3 p.m. Proceeds benefit Boy Scout Troop 28. For more information, call 410-658-3915.

**FRIDAY
MAY 3
AKA SORORITY HOLDS 'IVY BALL'**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Xi Delta Omega Chapter presents "Ivy Ball," at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood,

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50
Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard



BIRTHDAY GIRL
Friday, April 19, 7 p.m.
Starring: Nicole Kidman, Ben Chaplin
Bank clerk John orders a mail order bride off the "From Russia With Love" Web site. The result is chain-smoking Nadia. Her cousins arrive right behind her. Forced into robbing his own bank to save Nadia's life, John discovers he and everyone involved have a few surprises up their sleeves. (Rated R)

THE TIME MACHINE (FREE ADMISSION)
Saturday, April 20, 7 p.m.
Starring: Guy Pearce, Mark Addy



Alexander is determined to prove that time travel is possible. His determination is turned to desperation by a personal tragedy that now drives him to want to change the past. Testing his theories with a time machine, he is hurtled 800,000 years into the future. (Rated PG-13)

WE WERE SOLDIERS
Saturday, April 20, 9 p.m.
Starring: Mel Gibson, Sam Elliott



In a small clearing called landing zone X-Ray, Lt. Col. Hal Moore and 400 young fathers, husbands, brothers, and sons, all troopers from an elite American combat division, are surrounded by 2,000 North Vietnamese soldiers. The ensuing battle is one of the most savage in U.S. history. (Rated R)

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

These recently published titles are available at the APG MWR Library:



Everything's Eventual: 14 dark tales by Stephen King

Dancing With the Dragon by Joe Weber



Body of Lies by Iris Johansen

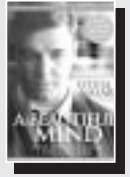


Every Breath You Take: a true story of obsession, revenge, and murder by Ann Rule

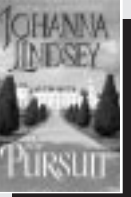
The Demon and the Angel: searching for the source of artistic inspiration by Edward Hirsch



A Beautiful Mind: the life of mathematical genius and Nobel Laureate John Nash by Sylvia Nasar



The Pursuit by Johanna Linds



Report from Ground Zero: the story of the rescue efforts at the World Trade Center by Dennis Smith



The Stone Monkey by Jeffery Deaver

American Women: a Library of Congress Guide for the Study of Women's History and Culture in the United States

You can receive a complete listing of the library's new materials via e-mail and also reserve items electronically. Contact the library for details.

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Edgewood Area library is only open on Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

OC&S LIBRARY

The Ordnance Center and Schools Library is located in the basement of building 3071.

A Question of Loyalty, Military Manpower Policy in Multiethnic States by Alon Peled



G.I. Nightingales, The Army Nurse Corps in WWII by Barbara Brooks Tomblin

Statistical Abstract of the United States, The National Data Book, U.S. Dept of Commerce

The OC&S Library hours are Monday, noon to 4:15 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and Friday, noon to 4:15 p.m.

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Dinner will be served at 9 p.m. After-five attire is requested. Music will be provided by Nu Level Entertainment.

A donation of \$35 per person is requested. All proceeds will benefit Xi Delta Omega's scholarship program.

For tickets, call Helen Chapman, 410-457-5448, Gyleen Fitzgerald, 410-399-5859, or Agnes Minor, 410-939-5368.



New troops assume SFOR duties in Bosnia

Joe Burlas

Army News Service,

There's a new sheriff in Bosnia these days as Stabilization Force 11 took on peacekeeping duties under the authority of the 1996 Dayton Peace Accord.

Eagle Base hosted a transfer-of-authority ceremony in April between SFOR 10, headed up by the National Guard's 29th Infantry Division, and SFOR 11, headed up by the 25th Infantry Division.

"Now is the time for you to choose the road of diversity," Maj. Gen. Steven Blum, commanding general of SFOR 10 and Multinational Division-North, told Bosnia journalists during a press conference just prior to the ceremony. "It is my hope that you will have one Army — seen as a force of good. I hope that this nation will recognize the great diversity of its people and see it as an asset."

Speaking to the Bosnian people in their own language and in English at both the press conference and the transfer ceremony, Blum said that without choosing diversity, Bosnia can never hope to overcome the multitude of problems it continues to face. Those problems include a weak economy, poor infrastructure, many displaced people, corruption, ethnic strife and no rule of law, he said.

"You must choose the road of multi-ethnicity that demands, protects and ensures equality of all citizens," he said during the transfer ceremony.

Blum is also the commanding general of the 29th Infantry Division, a National Guard division with units primarily based in Virginia and Maryland. The 29th provided the headquarters element and the largest contingent of troops for SFOR 10.

There are currently three

multinational divisions performing peacekeeping duties in Bosnia. The United States has been responsible for commanding Multinational Division-North since 1996. Other nations that are part of Multinational Division-North include Russia, Turkey and Norway.

Representatives from all three peacekeeping divisions, as well as local Bosnian officials attended the transfer-of-authority ceremony. Dignitaries who attended included Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki.

In keeping with the Army policy of rotating the six-month SFOR tour between active-duty and reserve-component commands, the 25th Infantry Division from Hawaii is providing the headquarters element and a large contingent of troops for SFOR 11. This policy was implemented in 2000. From 1996 to 2000, SFOR and Multinational

Division-North were commanded by an active-duty Army headquarters and rotations lasted nine months.

About 51 percent of SFOR 11 consists of active duty troops with the rest a mix of Army Reserve and National Guard soldiers. Maj. Gen. Charles Swannack Jr. commands SFOR 11 and Multinational Division - North.

"I can guarantee that the troops under my command in SFOR 11 are well trained, with high standards, and are ready to accomplish the mission," Swannack said.

Spc. Joseph Jenkins, a military police officer with the 549th Military Police Company, rotated in last month from Fort Stewart, Ga., to train with SFOR 10 MPs prior to SFOR 11 taking over.

"I am looking forward to my tour here," Jenkins said. "It's a good mission — it's about helping people."



Photo by JOE BURLAS

Maj. Gen. Steven Blum, commanding general of Stabilization Force 10 and Multinational Division-North stresses to Bosnian journalists that it is time for their country to embrace the diversity of its people. SFOR 11 assumed U.S. peacekeeping operations in Bosnia from SFOR 10 during an April 5 transfer-of-authority ceremony at Eagle Base.

Commentary: Attitudes of 1812 must change

Don Dees

Army News Service

"Weekend Warriors!" "Nasty Guard!" Darn Reservists!" It's all been said.

Guard and Reserve troops have traditionally been viewed as inferior to regular Army soldiers.

When British Maj. Gen. Phineas Riall faced troops from the 6th Infantry Regiment during the War of 1812, he thought he would be facing militia members from Buffalo, N.Y. Instead he encountered soldiers who marched bravely through his artillery fires. Seeing their professionalism, Riall exclaimed, "Those are Regulars, by God!"

Riall expected to encounter what today we would call reservists, and instead, he had to fight against soldiers from America's standing army.

Riall's prejudice nearly mirrors attitudes that still exist in some places regarding the Guard and Reserve. Some active-duty soldiers believe reservists just don't maintain the same standards.

Army Regulation 670-1 governs the wear

and appearance of the Army uniform. The regulation does not say active-duty forces must wear it one way and reservists another. There is no provision for alternate uniforms for each component.

When it comes to drill and ceremony, Field Manual 22-5 does not differentiate between components regarding how to march.

The U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command regulates training for all soldiers, regardless of component. Basic trainees undergo the same rigorous indoctrination into Army life, regardless of component. New recruits also must undertake training for their specific job in the Army. TRADOC regulates this advanced individual training for all components.

Reserve-component units must validate their capabilities upon mobilization, just as active units do through exercise evaluations and rotations through Army maneuver training centers.

Senior Army leadership promotes the notion of, "one team, one fight." Comparable training requirements ensure this can be a reality.

Winston Churchill had it right when he said, "The reservist is twice the citizen." Guardsmen and reservists live and work in their communities and serve their nation when duty calls.

Some active-component soldiers assume that with only two training days a month available, reservists cannot achieve the same level of proficiency.

This assumption ignores the fact that many reservists hold the same or similar vocation in private life.

The Army relies on reservists to support its mission. The U.S. Army Reserve Command manages 500 units as part of the Army's Force Support Package, according to the command's mission statement. These units would be activated immediately to provide combat support and combat service support capabilities in time of full mobilization.

Today, half the U.S. Army's combat power exists in the National Guard. National Guard units have been a part of the peacekeeping efforts in the Balkans since shortly after the 1996 Dayton Peace Accord was signed. In the last rotation, force protection at one cluster of

base camps south of Tuzla, Bosnia, was the responsibility of a Georgia National Guard unit.

During Desert Storm, 13 reservists were killed and 43 were wounded Feb. 25, 1991, when a SCUD missile hit the building where the 14th Quartermaster Detachment was staying. That Reserve unit sustained the most casualties of any allied unit during the Gulf War.

Today, leaders at every level must promote tolerance and acceptance of their reservist counterparts.

When soldiers face an enemy today, they will not be able to make the distinction that Riall did in the War of 1812. Reserve and Guard soldiers serve and die alongside "regulars."

(Editor's note: Sgt. Don Dees is a broadcast journalist with the 356th Broadcast Public Affairs Detachment, an Army Reserve unit at Fort Meade, Md. He also serves as a civilian public affairs specialist with the Military Traffic Management Command.)

Army hospitals convert to new Pap smear technologies

Rick Sonntag

U.S. Army Medical Command

Female beneficiaries of Army health care will soon benefit from the newest, most effective technologies in the battle against cervical cancer.

The U.S. Army was the first military service to implement a worldwide conversion to liquid-based cytology, or LBC, for cervical cancer screening and is now adding use HPV, or human papillomavirus, DNA testing, to help clarify inconclusive results.

The two tests, known by their commercial names of ThinPrep and Hybrid Capture 2, can be done in one simple procedure. They are being implemented in 19 of the U.S. Army Medical Command's medical treatment facilities, where Pap smears are currently processed. These include eight major medical centers and 11 Army community hospitals in the United States, Europe, and Korea. Army officials emphasized that patients using smaller facilities, which send their tests to one of the 19 processing centers, also have access to this new technology.

Provider and pathologist training for the new Pap smear has already been completed at most of the facilities. The training for the HPV test will be initiated within the next few weeks. The Army's medical facilities should have a 100 percent conversion to the new technology by the end of May 2002.

"All of our cervical cancer screening in the Army has been converted to the liquid based cytology test," said Lt. Gen. James B. Peake, Army

Surgeon General. "We are committed to providing the best health care available to all of our beneficiaries and this is a giant step forward in providing the best care in the world for our female patients.

"The ThinPrep Pap Test and HPV testing are being widely adopted in civilian medical institutions and, after a careful review of existing technologies, we believe that these tests offer significant benefits for military personnel and their family members," Peake said.

In the clinic, Pap smear samples normally are smeared on a glass slide and studied under a microscope to discover abnormal cervical cells. The cytologist must look for cells in a haze of other material, and sometimes the smear is too thick to be accurately interpreted. In the ThinPrep process, the sample is suspended in a solution, then a filter rotates through the cell suspension, separating cells from blood, mucus and inflammation. The cells then are collected on the filter and deposited on the microscope slide, producing a much clearer view with obscuring elements removed.

Published studies have shown that liquid-based cytology greatly increases the number of Pap smear samples that are usable on the initial tests, and reduces screening errors by as much as 50 percent. LBC is currently used in about 35 percent of the 50 million Pap smears performed in the United States annually. The Army will be at 100 percent LBC testing.

"This new technology will

be a great convenience for the patient and enhance productivity in our OB/GYN clinics," Peake said, "because we won't have to call patients in for additional smears. That first sample can now be follow-up tested for HPV DNA. A positive test will indicate that we have to manage that patient closely, while patients with negative tests can return to a normal screening schedule."

In the past, some 2 million Pap smears a year have produced unclear results, known as ASCUS (Atypical Squamous Cells of Undetermined Significance), resulting in additional testing or invasive procedures. The new procedures can mean fewer repeat patient appointments and lower overall costs.

According to the World Health Organization and the National Institutes of Health, HPV is the cause of virtually all cervical cancer. Studies have clearly confirmed a strong, causal link between HPV and cervical cancer that is independent from other risk factors. A study published in the Journal of Pathology (Aug. 19, 1999) documents that HPV is present in almost all cervical cancer (99.7 percent). A study published in the New England Journal of Medicine (November 1999) confirmed that persistent HPV infection causes cervical cancer and the test for HPV can predict the risk of cervical cancer among women with normal Pap smears.

"Having HPV doesn't mean a women will definitely get cervical cancer," cautioned Lt. Col. Jay Carlson, OB/GYN

consultant to the Army Surgeon General. "There are nearly 100 different types of HPV. Twenty-three of these are present in the genital tract with only 13 key types associated with cancer and considered 'high risk'. Persistent infection with these types of HPV is required for cervical cancer to develop," Carlson said.

Carlson pointed out that clinical trials by the National Cancer Institute show that HPV testing is the most effective way to manage women who are diagnosed with mild abnormalities following their routine Pap smear.

Studies show that the sensitivity of HPV testing for the detection of high-grade disease and cervical cancer was 96 percent, compared with only 85 percent sensitivity for a repeat ThinPrep Pap smear or only 65 percent with a repeat conventional Pap smear.

ThinPrep and the Hybrid Capture 2 HPV DNA Test are both approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

"The Army, with its inherent worldwide missions, frequent deployments, young and highly mobile population, requires a screening tool that is reliable, timely and accurate," Peake said. "The rewards of more accurate Pap smear analysis will be more opportunities to intervene in the early stages of pre-cancer or cancer, less patient anxiety, more convenience for patients and cost savings."

Non-Medical attendants eligible for travel benefits

www.tricare.osd.mil

The fiscal year 2002 National Defense Authorization Act signed into law by President Bush on Dec. 28, 2001, authorizes travel orders and reimbursement for one non-medical attendant to accompany a non-active duty TRICARE Prime patient referred for medically necessary specialty care more than 100 miles from the patient's primary care manager location. The non-medical attendant travel benefit will be implemented April 1, 2002, and will be retroactive to Dec. 28, 2001.

The non-medical attendant must be a parent or guardian of the traveling non-active duty TRICARE Prime patient. The non-medical attendant may also be another adult who is a member of the patient's family. The parent or guardian is not required to be age 21, but if the non-medical attendant is not the parent or guardian, he or she must be age 21 or older.

The military treatment facility or lead agent office, in coordination with the TRICARE Prime patient's primary care manager, is responsible for determining if the requirement for a non-medical attendant exists and issuing the appropriate travel orders.

If the non-medical attendant parent, guardian, or adult family member is an active duty member, or a Department of Defense civilian employee, he or she is entitled to temporary duty allowances (per diem and mileage), not actual expenses. If the non-medical attendant parent, guardian, or adult family member is a civilian not affiliated or employed with DOD, he or she is authorized reimbursement of actual travel expenses up to the government rate.

Actual expenses for gas, oil, highway, bridge and tunnel tolls and parking fees are authorized up to the government rate for transportation. Non-medical attendants also are authorized reimbursement (within limits) for other expenses related to travel such as lodging (including taxes and service charges) and the cost of meals (including taxes and tips, but not including alcoholic beverages).

Beneficiaries with questions about the Prime travel benefit and the new non-medical attendant entitlement should contact their local military treatment facility or lead agent travel representatives or beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator, or BCAC, for assistance. Telephone numbers and addresses for BCACs are available on the TRICARE Web site at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tricare/beneficiary/BCACDirectory.htm>.

Days of Remembrance

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory is sponsoring the APG Days of Remembrance Commemorative Program on Wednesday, May 1, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Post Theater. This year's theme is "Memories of Courage."

Guest speaker will be Leo Bretholz, a Holocaust survivor and author of "Leap into Darkness." For more information, call Sfc. Shelton Torbert, Garrison Equal Opportunity Advisor, 410-278-1534.

Earth Day proclamation

Commander’s Earth Day Message 2002

The 2002 Army Earth Day Theme, "Protecting Our Freedom ... Preserving the Environment," is a challenge the Army has embraced. Since the September 11 attacks and the President’s declaration of war on terrorism, the nation’s eyes have turned to the Army as an integral part of the United States’ fight against terrorism while protecting the American people wherever they may be. Through proactive environmental and readiness programs, the Army has met the expectations of the people they defend while maintaining the environmental assets entrusted to them by the American people.

The US Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command’s Homeland Defense program provides guidance and training to prepare military installations, states and cities for incidents involving chemical, biological and nuclear weapons of mass destruction. Safe, secure storage of chemical weapons and direct support for the chemical weapons demilitarization projects are managed with the future land use in mind. Applying pollution prevention and state-of-the-art technologies to preserve and rehabilitate our lands ensures that habitats for endangered species and cultural resources will be there.

SBCCOM incorporates the highest environmental principles in all business practices. Pollution prevention and life-cycle environmental assessments of SBCCOM’s products and services are more important than ever. The training grounds of today could be our children’s schools/playgrounds tomorrow. Responsible environmental stewardship is cost effective and demonstrates our commitment to protect and preserve the lands entrusted to us.

April 22 is the day set aside to celebrate Earth Day, but in reality, everyday is Earth Day for the SBCCOM family in support of the Army that is "Protecting Our Freedom... Preserving the Environment." Focus on the environment and join together with others at your installation or in your community to work towards a greener tomorrow.

JOHN C. DOESBURG
Major General, USA
Commanding

APG to participate in Harford County Earth Day celebration

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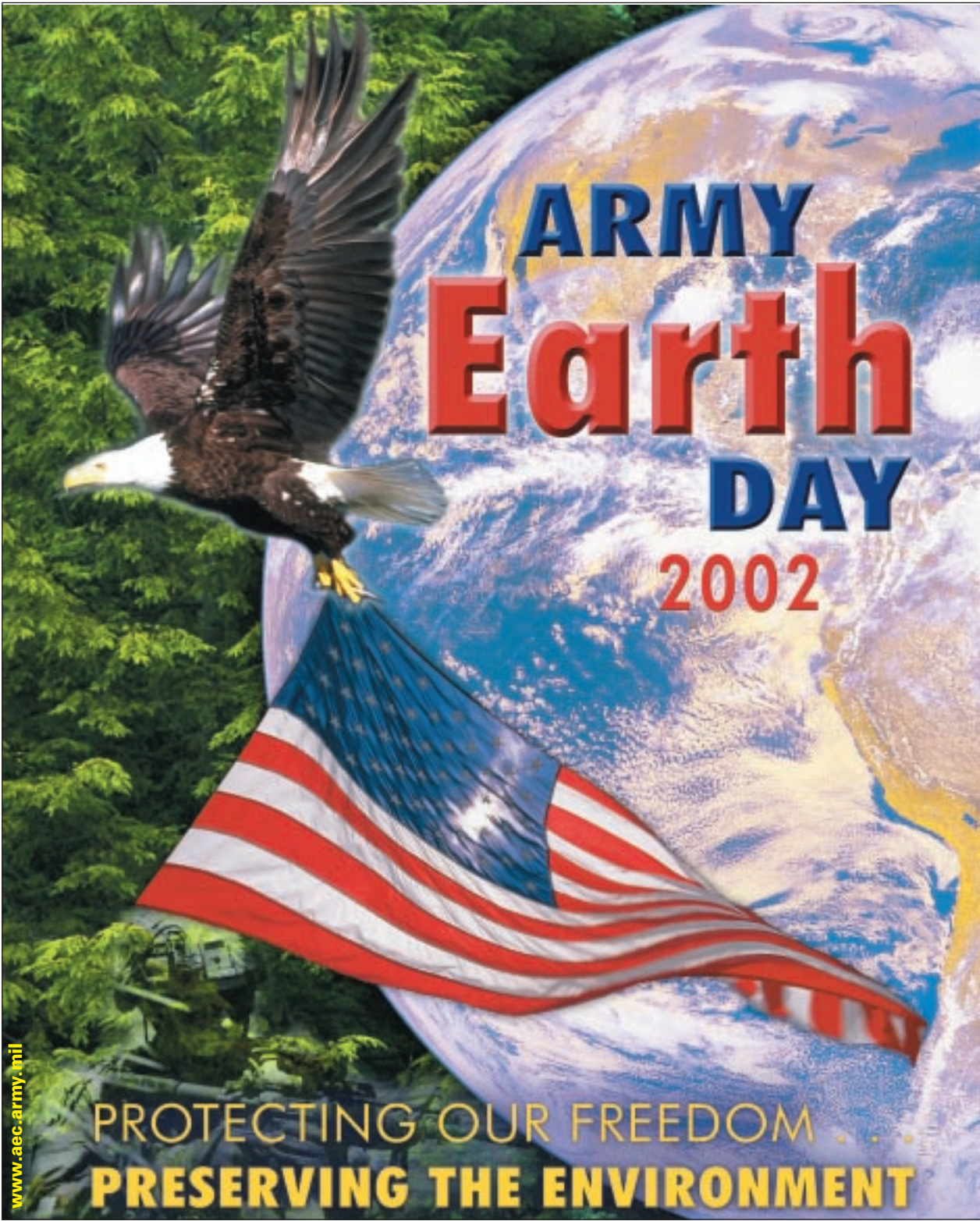
The Harford County Earth Day 2002 Celebration will take place on April 20, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Swan Harbor Farm, 401 Oakington Road, located approximately one mile passed Roye Williams Elementary School in Havre de Grace.

Some of the organizations from Aberdeen Proving Ground scheduled to participate in this year’s event are the APG garrison Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, U.S.

Army Aberdeen Test Center and Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization, Edgewood Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office.

Sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation, the event is open to the public and will be held rain or shine. With more than 30 earth-friendly booths, offering fun for all, organizers are hoping for another successful earth day.

For more information, call Swan Harbor Farm, 410-939-6767.



Army seeking help with encroachment issues

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

Environmental laws are limiting live training and weapons testing on some military installations, and officials are seeking assistance from Congress to draw clearer lines between readiness and protecting the land.

“There are ways to balance the needs of the military with the needs of the environment,” said Mario Fiori, assistant secretary of the Army, Installations and Environment, during a mid-March environmental and encroachment hearing on Capitol Hill.

The Army isn’t seeking exemptions from the laws, Fiori said. Instead it wants Congress to be more specific in the wording of existing laws and to support the Army’s Sustainable Range Program, an internal way of ensuring readiness in light of encroachment issues, he added.

Encroachment refers to all external influences that threaten or constrain testing and training activities. The Army’s primary encroachment concerns are urban sprawl, endangered species and environmental regulations of munitions, Fiori said.

Installations were established in once rural areas, but now some are in the midst of large urban areas, Fiori said. Urban sprawl triggers

conflicts with neighboring communities over noise and dust, he said.

Air quality restrictions on Fort Hood, Texas, prohibit use of smoke on 23 percent of the training land, according to Brian Helmlinger, a research analyst for the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3. Due to noise impacts on off-post development northwest of the installation, artillery and Multiple Launch Rocket System firing is prohibited on over 1,000 acres of the training land, he said.

A number of air quality laws were passed to control industrial pollution and now they are being applied to training ranges, Helmlinger said, who also works on the Sustainable Range Program.

“We need legislative clarifications because we believe some of these laws are being applied in ways that were never intended. Out of 115 major training installations and facilities, including active, National Guard and Reserve about 47 are reporting encroachment issues,” Helmlinger said. “However, the number is actually higher. Some installations don’t report encroachment problems, but if they are restricted on when they can fire munitions due to noise, that’s encroachment.”

The Army has spent about \$45 million over the past three years managing threatened and

endangered species on Army installations, Fiori said. Another concern is plant species, he said. Training in Hawaii was halted for three years due to the potential impact of training on a number of plant species, Fiori said.

“The 25th Infantry Division (Light) can’t meet their training requirements on Hawaii, requiring deployments to other training facilities outside of Hawaii,” Fiori said. “The amount of training time available will decrease due to increase in travel time, and it will further impact soldiers who must spend more time away from family.”

All of the military components face their own encroachment obstacles, and are left to negotiate with federal agencies whose job is to protect the land, sea, air or species. The Navy and Marine Corps, for example, are in constant contact with the Fish and Wildlife Service because of the type of training they conduct.

The Office of The Secretary of Defense is the lead agency on a number of initiatives that will alleviate some of the challenges the service components face trying to meet training requirements, said Thomas Macia, range project officer, G-3.

The Sustainable Range Program, however, is the Army’s own approach to encroachment, Macia said. “The objective of SRP,” he said, “is

to maximize the capability, availability and accessibility of ranges and land to support doctrinal training and testing requirements.

“The purpose of military training areas is not to protect the environment — it’s readiness. We think we can achieve readiness and still be environmentally responsible.”

There are three parts to SRP, Macia said. The first is to develop and maintain information excellence, which is maintaining data on every aspect of ranges from their physical to operational characteristics, he said.

There are four components to operating a range — range operations and modernization; facilities and installation management; explosives safety; and environmental management — management in all of those areas must be integrated as part of the next step in SRP, Macia said.

The final step is an outreach campaign, Macia said, to inform decision-makers and the community on why the Army must conduct training and testing.

“Through SRP we are moving to a more sophisticated management approach to ensure that the concerns of the public are identified and addressed,” Fiori said. “Defense of our nation is an important requirement that benefits all citizens.”

Laura Reich, left, ACS Family Advocacy and Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG garrison and deputy installation commander, tie a blue ribbon to a Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security squad car during the Child Abuse Awareness ceremony.



Pvt. Stephan Balyint, Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion, hands Brig. Gen. Dean Ertwine, commander, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, a brochure at the welcome desk during the Army Community Service Open House on April 4.

ACS

From front page

Also on hand were Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG garrison and deputy installation commander, Byrne Huntley, DOIM director, and Aberdeen Mayor Doug Wilson.

Mark led the blue ribbon ceremony in which she and Laura Reich, family advocacy program prevention specialist, tied a blue ribbon on a Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, or

DLES, squad car to serve as a reminder for child abuse awareness.

“The more people learn about this, the more we can assist the victims who suffer the most,” said Staff Sgt. David Williams, DLES military police officer.

Mark said she was “very excited” by the ACS and its impact on APG.

“We are very confident because we all work as a team to impact our soldiers and their families each and every day,” Mark said.

The final event of the day

was the awarding of the winners of the Month of the Military Child essay and art contest. For art, the winner was Karinna Johnston, and Melissa Renee Bennett won for the best essay.

Most attendees agreed the open house was informative and timely.

“It’s all about taking care of family members,” said Sgt. 1st Class Venesia Denson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, as she collected brochures. “ACS helps soldiers and leaders with

points of contact for problem solving,” she said.

Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Lyons, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Battalion, added that ACS helped him when he first arrived at the installation without his family.

“The lending closet was a great help. I was able to borrow things I would have had to buy otherwise,” Lyons said.

He added that he encourages soldiers to use ACS services.

“It benefits career soldiers as well as advanced individual

training students,” Lyons said.

Staff Sgt. John Reed, a drill sergeant with Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion, said he came to the open house for an update on ACS services.

“We bring our soldiers here regularly,” Reed said, adding that he is most familiar with Army emergency relief services.

“The better I’m informed, the better I can inform my soldiers,” Reed said.

Agreeing that the open house was “a great idea,” Beverly Yost, family advocacy program coordinator, Kirk

U.S. Army Health Clinic, said that it was “important for people to see what is offered here.”

“It’s good to interact personally,” Yost said. “People need to see who they are talking to.”

2nd Lt. Candice Martin, Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion executive officer, said she came to the open house to gather information for her soldiers.

“They need to know what ACS is all about,” Martin said, even if they don’t need their services today.”



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON
Sgt. Justin Searle gets into Led Zeppelin’s “Rock and Roll.” Searle also plays trumpet and guitar.



Sgts. Leroy Foster, second from left, and Joshua Vincill belt out a top 40 tune as Sgt. Gregory Hector, left and Staff Sgt. Vincent Johnson accompany on instruments.

No Limits dazzles in send-off concert

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

You should have been there. They danced, they sang, they took it to the limit.

No Limits, the 389th Army Band (AMC’s Own) top 40s group, dazzled music lovers with a send-off concert at the Post Theater earlier this month, just before its nationwide tour of U.S. Army Materiel Command sites.

With commanding vocals and superb instrumental know-how, the group gave the audience of about 150 a concert to remember.

Led by Sgt. 1st Class Robert Deitz, tour non-commissioned officer in charge, the group performed current and former top 40 hits like “All She Wants To Do” by Don Henley and “Long Train Runnin’” by the Doobie Brothers.

The concert opened with Sgt. Joshua Vincill, saxophone, lead guitar and vocals, leading the rock favorite “My Sacrifice” by Creed. Vincill established his vocal talents later in the show with a rendition of Enrique Iglesias’ “Hero” to the delight of female members of the audience.

Rounding out the group were Sgts. Justin Searle, trumpet, vocals, guitar; Leroy Foster, trombone,

vocals; Gregory Hector, bass guitar, vocals; Levi Graves, drums, and Staff Sgt. Vincent Johnson, keyboard and vocals.

Band Sgt. Maj. Donald Lloyd credited Dietz with assembling the group and leading rehearsals.

“They worked very hard to get to this point,” Lloyd said, adding that band director, Chief Warrant Officer Jerry Standridge came up with the idea for the band.

A crew of 10 to handle sound, packing, unloading equipment and advance logistics will accompany the group, traveling by ground, Lloyd said.

“It was great,” APG Garrison Commander Col. Mardi U. Mark said after the show. “It makes you proud to see your soldiers out there performing so well.”

“They did a great job and you can tell they worked hard,” added garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Stallings. “They’re ready to perform for the soldiers protecting this great country.”

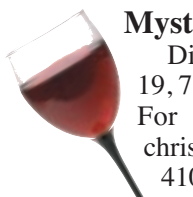
No Limits departed on a nationwide tour April 8 and will return to APG April 29.

Lloyd said the group also will tour area high schools and set up a concert in the Edgewood Area after its return to APG.



Edgewood Arts & Crafts is a Morale, a Welfare Recreation facility in building E-4440, is open to active and retired military, civilians, and contractors working on Aberdeen Proving Ground and their dependents. Hours of operation are Thursday, 1 to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 410-436-2153 during listed hours. Upcoming classes include:

- Stained glass**
A beginning stained glass class will be held April 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and May 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students will make a simple suncatcher using the copper foil method. Cost is \$25 and includes supplies.
- Framing**
A beginning matting and framing class will be held April 25, 5 to 9 p.m. Students must bring an 8 inch by 10 inch picture to class to frame. Register in advance, because class size is limited. The cost is \$15 plus supplies.



Mysteries of Wine

Discover the mysteries of wine, May 9 or June 19, 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Fiore Winery. Cost is \$25. For more information, e-mail chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil or call her at 410-278-3904.

Boater’s Safety Education Classes

Boating safety classes will be held April 22, 24 and 26, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Edgewood Deer Shack, building E-2743. Cost is \$15. For more information, e-mail charles.heinshon@usag.apg.army.mil or call him at 410-278-3868.

Introduction to Digital Photography

Introduction to Digital Photography begins April 29, every Monday for four weeks from 6 to 8 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 2752. Cost is \$40. For more information, e-mail earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil or call Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854.



Urban line dance lessons

Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Community Recreation Division will hold urban line dance lessons, for six consecutive Thursdays, May 9 through June 13, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center Ballroom. Learn basic dance steps in the latest East coast line and hand dances, like the cow funque, the charm city bounce, and even an old favorite like the electric slide. Learn what is needed to help survive social events and gain the courage to get out and dance.

Beginner lessons will be held from 6 to 7 p.m.; advanced lessons will be held from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m.

Cost for the six-week lessons is \$40. Drop-ins are welcome for just \$10. Register by May 6 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, or call 410-278-2621.

For more information, call Earlene Allen, 410-278-3854 or e-mail her at earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.